

Better health care, law and order, in Tory policy plans

Younger hits out at Labour over defence

- Mr George Younger, confirming defence as a central election issue, said only the Tories could preserve Nato
- Increased penalties for criminals and more support for victims of crime were announced by Mr Douglas Hurd
- The Government is to spend £15 million on improving protection for passengers on the Underground
- Mrs Edwina Currie faced unprecedented boozing at the Tory conference for her remarks about the Northern diet

The Conservatives maintained the momentum of their conference yesterday by announcing fresh initiatives on law and order, the health service and inner cities...

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, disclosed plans to seize the assets of major criminals, to introduce the use of video screens to spare child abuse victims the ordeal of court appearances and to improve compensation for the victims of crime.

Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Transport, announced a £15 million plan to protect passengers on the London Underground against muggers and other violent criminals.

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Courts will be obliged to make compensation orders against offenders and will have the right to direct the proceeds from the sale of forfeited goods to compensation for their victims.

Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, announced a national campaign to reduce hospital waiting lists and a £3 billion hospital building programme. There will be additional revenue for more heart by-pass, hip replacement and eye operations for the elderly, better facilities for mentally handicapped children and more bone marrow transplant operations...

£15m set aside to tackle Tube crime

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Government yesterday announced a £15 million plan to improve protection for passengers on the London Underground against muggers and other violent criminals.

Station platforms, subway and escalator shafts are to be fitted with radio cabling to enable staff and transport police to make contact immediately in emergency with station superintendents, police control headquarters, and the fire service.

Concealed parts of station platforms are to be closed off, more closed circuit surveillance equipment will be brought in, and, in an experimental scheme, stations with bad records of violence are to get passenger alarm "panic buttons" to enable people to call staff if they feel in danger.



Morale booster: Mr Norman Fowler holding up the list of the Government's £3 billion hospital-building programme before conference delegates. (Photograph: Tim Bishop)

Fowler to cut health waiting list

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

A nationwide crackdown on lengthy hospital waiting lists and a £3 billion hospital building programme were unveiled yesterday by Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services.

He promised improved treatment for the elderly with substantially more hip replacement, heart by-pass, and eye operations by the end of the decade.

The Conservative party conference in Bournemouth was also told there would be more bone marrow transplant operations for children, better facilities for mentally handicapped youngsters and a stepping up of the fight against cervical cancer.

Print union rejects Wapping offer

By Tim Jones

The main print union involved in the Wapping dispute yesterday rejected the final offer by News International which included compensation of £58 million.

Mr Rupert Murdoch, chairman of the company, said there would be no other offer to the union, which represents 4,000 former employees of the company who went on strike eight months ago and were dismissed.

Sogat '82, the biggest union involved, turned down the offer by 2,372 votes to 960 with 17 spoilt papers, a majority of 1,412.

The result of the ballot was greeted with a huge cheer by 850 members of the National Graphical Association, who were meeting in London to decide their response to the offer.

Mr Murdoch said: "We are not surprised but we are disappointed of course at this result." He said the company had made it clear that it had no confidence in the way Sogat had conducted its ballot.

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Sliding sterling puts Lawson under pressure

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Nigel Lawson, faces the toughest test of his political career today. In his speech to the Conservative Party Conference this morning, he has to restore confidence in the pound and convince delegates that there are better times ahead for the economy.

The sterling index, which measures the pound's average value against other currencies, fell from 68.1 to 67.1, an all-time low. Since the summer of last year, the pound's average value has dropped by 20 per cent.

It fell 3.4 pence to a new low of DM2,832 and by 1.45 cents to \$1,420.5.

The Chancellor, interviewed on BBC Television yesterday, refused to be drawn on what was likely to happen to interest rates or the exchange rate. And he maintained that the time was not right for entry into the European Monetary System.

Mr Lawson conceded that political uncertainties were playing a part in the pound's weakness. "I think markets around the world are aware of

the great damage that would be done to the British economy if a Labour government were to be elected", he said.

But currency analysts were blaming Mr Lawson's own political sensitivities for the slide. "The pound is a one-way sell as long as the markets believe that Mr Lawson can't raise interest rates", Mr Jeremy Hale of Goldman Sachs said.

The Chancellor's speech today is not expected to contain any new message for the markets.

Mr Lawson has a speech planned for next week at the Mansion House, in the City, and this is usually the occasion for discussing the details of monetary policy.

Interest rates edged up in the London money markets yesterday, and dealers remain certain that base rates will have to rise next week, probably by 1 per cent to 11 per cent. This could force up mortgage rates.

Even so, it is unlikely that this would do more than steady sterling temporarily.

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Race for the Games. Next week the International Olympic Committee meets to decide the venue for the 1992 games. What chance for Birmingham? David Miller reports. Plus: the Bar Examination results, in full!

Portfolio Gold

The £4,000 prize in The Times Portfolio Gold competition was won outright yesterday by Ms Angela Falshaw, of Long Preston, North Yorks. Details, page 3. There is another £4,000 to be won today. Portfolio list, page 27; rules and how to play, information service, page 20.

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Glass merger. Waterford Glass, the world's largest and most successful producers of hand-crafted crystal, are taking over Wedgwood, the fine bone china group, in a £252 million merger. Pages 21, 23

Trading cheer

Two-thirds of people who set up in business under the Government's Enterprise Allowance Scheme were still trading two years later, an official survey showed. The cost of each job created was a modest £1,800. Page 21

Bank stake

Mr Robert Holmes à Court, the Australian entrepreneur, raised his stake in Standard Chartered Bank as part of two City deals worth £70 million. Page 21

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Cup go-ahead

Luton Town will be allowed to play in this season's FA Cup, despite their ban on away fans which has ruled them out of taking part in the Littlewoods Cup, organized by the Football League. Page 40

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Currie booted by delegates

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

Mrs Edwina Currie, the outspoken junior health minister, was booted and faced calls for her resignation at the Conservative party conference yesterday following her controversial remarks about northerners and their eating habits.

The humiliating rebuke, witnessed by the Prime Minister, was sparked off by Mrs Heather Scott, chairman of the Darlington constituency party, who received prolonged applause after describing Mrs Currie's remarks as "thoughtless and patronising."

Mrs Currie sat tight lipped on the conference platform during the verbal lashing. But several Conservative MPs, epayed by Mrs Currie's claim that northerners spent too much on alcohol and tobacco and were ignorant in their eating habits, were privately delighted.

Mrs Scott, opening the health debate, told the conference: "I take issue with the junior minister who made the remarks about the diet of we northerners."



"I don't smoke, I don't drink beer and I hate black pudding and there's a lot of people like me in the north."

The next blow for Mrs Currie came as Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, began his speech to conference by introducing his new ministerial team. When Mrs Currie's name was mentioned there were shouts of "resign" and some booing.

Mrs Currie said later: "My only disappointment was that Mrs Scott did not contact me beforehand as a number of other people have done."

It is unprecedented for a new minister to be booted, albeit by a small handful of delegates, when being introduced to conference. The last time a minister was jeered was in the early 1980s when Mr (now Lord) Whitelaw, then Home Secretary, came under fire from law-and-order hardliners.

Kalb goes in US row with Libya

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

Mr Bernard Kalb announced yesterday that he had resigned as chief spokesman of the State Department, following the controversy surrounding the Administration's reported disinformation programme directed at Libya.

Mr Kalb, a well-known former television journalist, has been chief spokesman and Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs for the past two years.

Speaking to reporters at the State Department, he emphasized that he had no quarrel with Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, whom he described as a "man of integrity and credibility." Mr Kalb said he did not want his own credibility to be caught up or subsumed in the controversy.

The Administration has said it has not tried to mislead the United States news media.

Magazine article is banned

The Government yesterday won a High Court injunction banning the New Statesman magazine from publishing a "confidential" dispatch to Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, from a former British ambassador to Saudi Arabia.

Mr Justice Saville, in a two hour private hearing, granted the injunction to Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney-General.

A Foreign Office spokesman said he had "no idea" how the document had fallen into the hands of the magazine.

The message was sent by Sir James Craig in 1984. It was not thought to contain any information that could cause a breach of security.

Instead it was a "description of Saudi society, addressing the question of what Saudis were like." It is believed the Government could have been embarrassed.

Doctors deny baby surgery unethical

From Paul Vallely, Houston

Doctors who recently surgically removed a baby from its mother, operated on the foetus and returned it to the womb, yesterday defended themselves against charges that the practice was unethical.

x-rays had shown a urinary blockage in the foetus which would have killed the child before birth. The surgeon cut into the mother's abdomen, pulled the baby halfway out of the womb, and performed extensive surgery on his tiny urinary tract. Nine weeks later, Baby Mitchell was born by orthodox Caesarian section.

Since the news broke this week, Dr Harrison has come under attack from other doctors who have raised questions about whether the practice is ethical.

Critics have pointed to the fact that the operation could lead to renal failure in the child, and necessitate a difficult kidney transplant. They also say that the operation may have so scarred the uterus of the mother as to complicate any further pregnancies.

Dr Harrison has been subdued in his response, claiming that the operation carried no greater risk than normal paediatric urinary surgery or a Caesarian section would.

Other doctors have leapt to his defence. Dr George Lee, an officer of the Pacific Presbyterian Medical Association, praised Dr Harrison's work for breaking new frontiers, adding: "But it is not radical, it is reasonable."



Baby Mitchell: the face of controversy in medicine.

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NEWS SUMMARY

CPSA fight for votes change

The right-dominated national executive of the Civil and Public Services Association will on Monday seek to change the union's voting system...

A fresh election is to be held after a report from the Electoral Reform Society saying that 21 branches, with a membership of 2,270, did not have an opportunity to vote during the last election...

Although the Electoral Reform Society said there was no hard evidence of ballot rigging, Mrs Marion Chambers, the union's president, said yesterday she knew that one individual had signed for 15 ballot forms.

Screening ruled out

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, yesterday said Britain would not follow Italy after it announced plans to introduce blanket screening of diplomatic bags to combat terrorism...

To a letter to Mr Greville Janner, Labour MP for Leicester West, who supports the Italians, Sir Geoffrey said that Britain would scan diplomatic bags if there were strong grounds for suspicion.

"A major disadvantage of a more widespread scanning is that it would make our own bags vulnerable to general and indiscriminate challenge. For security reasons we cannot allow the protection of our bags to be impaired."

Red Rum The Mail in bronze wins ban

Red Rum, the triple Grand National winner, is being immortalized in a life-size bronze statue (David Sapsed writes).

The sculpture, standing 16.2 hands, being done by Mr Philip Blacker at his studio in Clonfield, Oxfordshire, is expected to be ready for casting in a month.

Commissioned by Seagram, sponsors of the Grand National, the two-ton statue will be unveiled in 1988 - the 150th anniversary of the race and will stand in the paddock area at Aintree.

Saudi dispatch ban

The New Statesman was banned by a High Court judge yesterday from publishing details of a dispatch from British Ambassador to the Foreign Secretary.

After a two-hour private hearing, Mr Justice Saville granted the Attorney General an injunction restraining the magazine from publishing anything about the dispatch by Sir James Craig, sent in 1984.

The magazine had opposed the order and outside the court Mr John Lloyd, its editor, said: "Their argument is that the dispatch sent to the Foreign Secretary was confidential and against public interest because it could be damaging to relations with Saudi Arabia. We are considering an appeal."

Gold raid charges

Mr John Palmer, the jeweller accused of offences connected with the £26 million Brinks-Matt robbery at Heathrow Airport in 1983, was charged yesterday with evading VAT on gold when he appeared for committal proceedings at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court.

Mr Palmer, aged 36, from Lansdown, near Bath, has spent more than three months remaining in custody since being deported from Spain in June. He is charged with conspiring to dishonestly handle stolen gold bullion.

Bus building plan

A £2 million training programme aimed at preserving Lancashire as the bus building centre of Britain was announced yesterday.

Workers staying with Leyland Bus will be retained to operate high-technology equipment, and the 600 facing redundancy after the management buy-out will be taught new skills and encouraged to set up small businesses.

The plan, drawn up by Lancashire County Council's Job Creation Agency, Lancashire Enterprises, and Leyland Bus, is designed to help local industry to survive the present slump in the market. They claim the programme will produce a stronger Leyland Bus company when the predicted uptick in demand comes in two years.

RUC shooting survivor backs Stalker

A survivor of a shooting incident at the centre of the Stalker inquiry into allegations of an RUC "shoot-to-kill" policy believes the resumed investigation will be a whitewash.

Martin McAuley, who was severely injured by undercover RUC officers, said that Mr John Stalker, deputy chief constable of Greater Manchester, had been removed as head of the inquiry because he was "digging too deep".

Mr Stalker believed the tape could prove conclusively what happened before and during the shooting in the barn at Ballyneery, near Lurgan, Co Armagh, in November 1982. The bugging device had been placed in the shed as it was suspected of being used by republican terrorists to store explosives.

Mr Tigue had no known paramilitary connections and Mr McAuley, aged 23, who is married, says he has no connections with Provisional Sinn Fein or its military wing, the Provisional IRA.

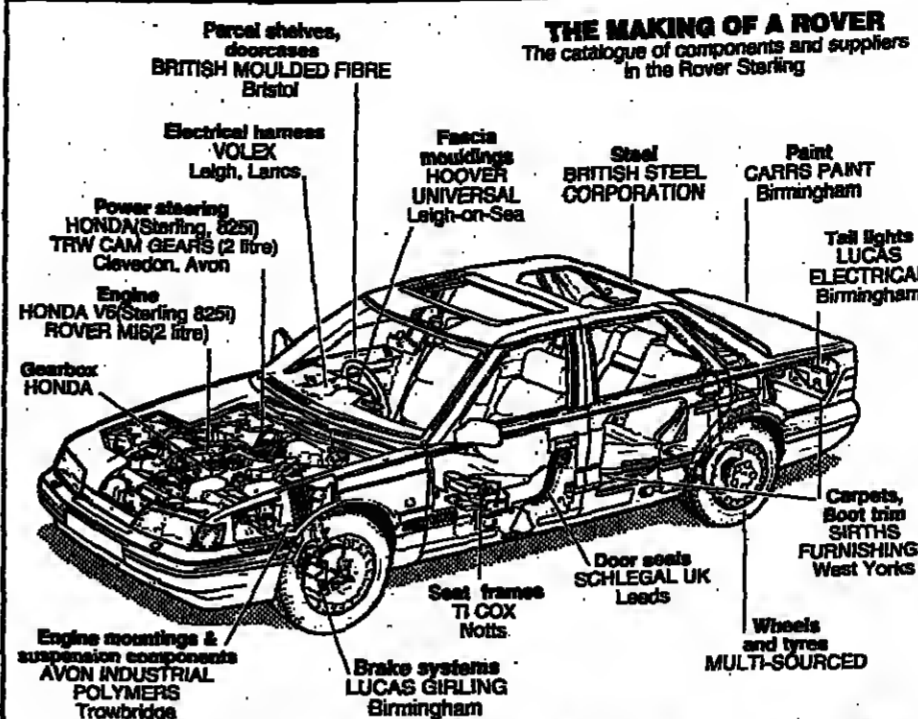
He says he was looking after the farm for the widow of a veteran 1920s IRA man and says that with Mr Tigue he climbed through a window of the barn after seeing pieces of metal sticking out of hay. Mr McAuley said they discovered rifles, had a short discussion and then got down to look more closely at them when there was a burst of gunfire.

At his trial four police officers involved in the shooting said that they had been ordered by a chief superintendent to invent a story to protect the identity of an informer.

Lord Justice Kelly rejected part of the RUC officers' evidence as being "invented" but neither did he wholly believe Mr McAuley's testimony that he had not touched the weapons.

It was these conflicts that the Stalker inquiry team hoped the MIS tape would help to resolve.

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THE MAKING OF A ROVER The catalogue of components and suppliers in the Rover Staking

The new £18,794 top-of-the-range Rover 800 Sterling, Rover's main hope for increased exports to Europe and the United States, and some of the car's leading "preferred" suppliers whose factories are scattered across the country from Yorkshire to the south coast.

Austin Rover shutdown

The sudden shutdown of Austin Rover as the result of the Lucas strike has plunged the state-controlled company back into controversy over its purchasing policies.

It also raises the question of whether British industry can successfully emulate the Japanese. The BL recovery plan begun in the late 1970s by the then chairman, Sir Michael Edwards, and which gave birth to the Metro, Maestro, Montego, Triumph Acclaim, Rover 200 series and now the Rover 800, envisaged a system of exclusive suppliers.

The bulk had to be UK-based because of the political sensitivity of buying abroad. The Edwards scheme had leading suppliers designated as "preferred" in return for a pledge to be as competitive in price and quality as continental manufacturers within three years.

More risky, given that half of the cost of a car covers bought-in parts and materials, was the adoption of "just-in-time". In Japan the concept is successful because of continuously peaceful industrial relations and proximity of the suppliers to the car assembly operation.

Rover negotiated a deal with British Road Services, which has a warehouse close to the Cowley factories, near Oxford. Not until they pass through the Cowley gates is Rover invoiced for the components.

Other parts, mostly bulky items such as facia panels, are delivered direct at short notice. In the past few years, BL's 1,200 suppliers have been reduced to 700 and quality of parts has improved.

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Irish border security Garda faces RUC criticism

The RUC will press the Irish authorities to implement a number of practical measures designed to improve cross-border security at a special meeting of the Anglo-Irish ministerial conference next week.

At the talks there will be lengthy analyses of a series of studies into the intelligence, operational and technical fields which have been carried out by experts from the RUC and Garda.

The British are hopeful of results for, in the words of one source, "we are not talking about friendship and goodwill. We have come to the point where the implementation must begin and that will mean extra manpower and resources."

Kinnock's men 'ready for poll'

The Labour Shadow Cabinet emerged in buoyant mood from a two-day meeting in Rottingdean, East Sussex, last night, but acknowledging that it faced a serious challenge in selling the party's unilateralist defence policy.

It also admitted that further work was needed to identify where enough jobs could be created to keep Labour's promise of reducing unemployment by a million within two years.

Mr Neil Kinnock, addressing his frontbench colleagues for the first time since last week's successful party conference in Blackpool, told them that the party had made huge advances over the past year and now enjoyed strong leads in key regions and target seats.

But he said that worsening economic prospects, the likelihood of rising inflation and increasing pressure on the pound and on interest rates could tempt Mr Thatcher into an early election.

Takeaway Rembrandt found at station

One of the world's most stolen pictures - a £3 million Rembrandt - was found undamaged at a West Germany railway station yesterday.

The portrait of Jacob de Gheyn III, stolen four times in 16 years, was in the left luggage department at Munster, having been deposited at the beginning of last month. It was wrapped in ordinary packing paper secured by adhesive tape.

The painting, known as "that old takeaway Rembrandt", was last taken in May 1983 and is expected to return today to the Dulwich Picture Gallery in south London, where it has been displayed, on and off since the gallery opened in the early 1800s.

The curator, John Sheeran, said the painting, due to be examined today, was "definitely" the Rembrandt, painted in 1632. He added: "Lots have been done about security since the painting was stolen."

The 12in by 10in painting was also stolen in 1966, 1973, and 1981. After the 1983 theft, the police said a three-tier ladder was used to climb on to the roof, about 60ft above ground, where the thieves broke through a skylight directly into the picture gallery.

In August 1981, the thief panicked when he realized what he had taken and tried to ransom it for £100,000. It was recovered from a London taxi and three men, one a West German art dealer, were jailed.

Syrians deny El Al bomb link

The Syrian government denied yesterday that it was involved in an attempt to destroy an Israeli airliner in London last April.

A Jordanian, Nezar Hindawi, is accused at the Central Criminal Court of trying to destroy the El Al Boeing 747 by planting a bomb in the luggage of his pregnant girlfriend. It is alleged that Mr Hindawi, who has pleaded not guilty, told the police that a Syrian intelligence officer gave him the bomb.

The state-controlled Damascus Radio accused the CIA and Israeli intelligence of being involved in a "desperate attempt" to involve Syria. It said the two organizations had "planned and implemented terrorist acts in Britain and France to be used as a springboard for a wider campaign against Syria."

IBA to relax rules in fight against Aids

The Independent Broadcasting Authority is prepared to consider a relaxation of its ban on the advertising of contraceptive sheaths in a move to help to stop the spread of Aids.

Three fat men in...

Bonus schemes boost increase in company executives' pay

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Executive salaries have risen 9.1 per cent in 12 months, with some senior managers getting up to 14 per cent more, well ahead of inflation and a 7.6 per cent rise in average weekly earnings.

When other cash benefits such as bonuses are taken into account, executives have seen their remuneration rise by up to 10 per cent. The benefits are part of a trend towards flexible payments geared to the profitability of a company, with bonus and share schemes both showing big increases in the present decade.

The twenty-fifth annual survey of executive salaries and fringe benefits, released yesterday by Inbucon Salary Research (ISR), part of Inbucon Management Consultants, reported a slowing in the rate of executive salary rises in the 12 months to last July, after an increase of 10 per cent in the previous 12 months. But that was in a year of higher inflation.

Another influence was that 5 per cent of executive salaries increased by 20 per cent or more in the past 12 months. Mr Don McClune, ISR manager, said that this was not so much to do with much-publicized high salaries in the City of London, but that some companies were now doing extremely well.

Mr McClune said high bonuses were also being paid, with one company paying £6,000 to each of its managers. One in two managing direc-

tors, and other directors, now get bonuses, compared with 40 per cent or less in 1981. Overall, 44 per cent of executives enjoy bonuses, compared with 36 per cent in 1981.

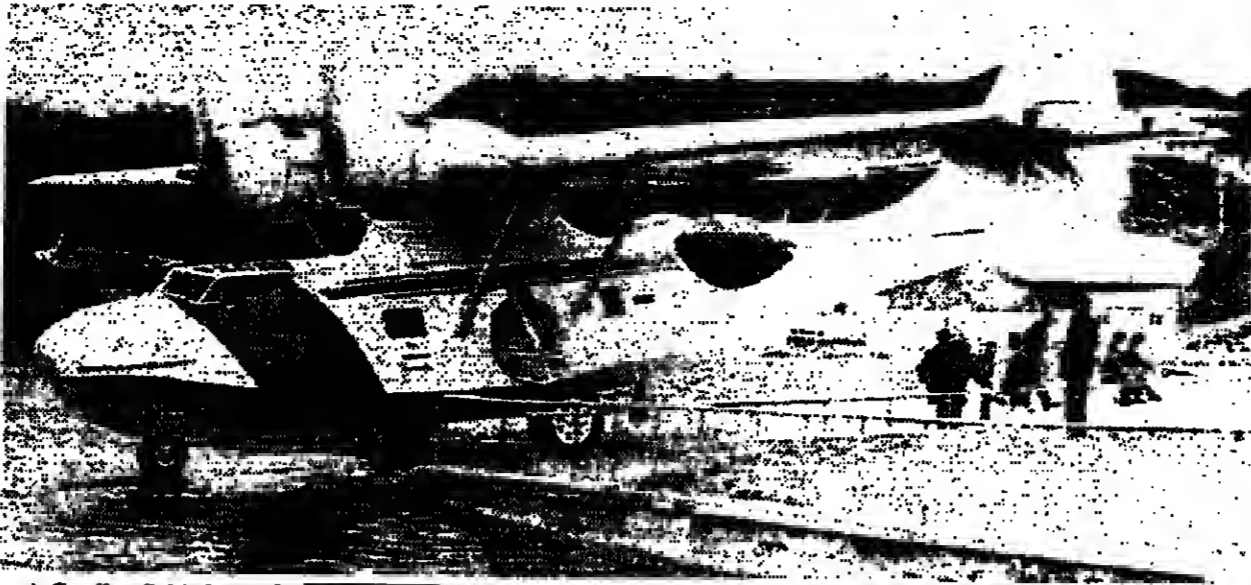
Schemes for giving shares to executives, as a form of deferred pay, have shown a big increase. In 1981, 17 per cent of executives were included in share schemes, but the proportion rose to 48 per cent in 1985 and was maintained at 47 per cent in the past 12 months.

Average salaries of managing directors in the 12 months to July were £43,014, a 14 per cent increase, and 98 per cent had a company car. The average for other directors was just under £30,000, an 8 per cent rise.

Financial executives averaged £24,131 (up 8.5 per cent) and cost accountants £15,647 (up 6.5 per cent). Chief engineers' salaries averaged £17,591, but although 40 per cent got bonuses, those averaged only £1,600, compared with an average of £3,042 for all executives.

Production executives, including those in quality control, were paid an average of £20,599, with bonuses of £2,555, while 80 per cent had company cars. Company secretaries averaged £29,908, a rise of 14 per cent, and 86 per cent had company cars.

1986 Survey of Executive Salaries and Fringe Benefits (Inbucon Management Consultants, Knightsbridge House, 197 Knightsbridge, London SW7 1RN; £150).



A Catalina flying boat taking off yesterday on the first leg of a return trip to Canada, less than five months after sinking in Plymouth harbour (Harvey Elliott writes).

Travel for disabled Airlines miss a vast market

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Airlines are to be urged to tap into a vast market of potential passengers which, it is claimed, they are now largely ignoring - disabled people.

A conference organized by the Royal Association for Disability and Rehabilitation later this month will draw up proposals aimed at making flying easier for people in wheelchairs, the blind and the elderly.

Mr George Wilson, director of the association, said yesterday: "There are literally millions of disabled people worldwide who would like to travel by air and are well able to afford it, but they are being prevented from doing so."

All airlines will be urged to follow the lead of British Airways in installing wheelchair chairs on aircraft which can be used to take disabled people to lavatories on long flights.

"Things are much better now than they were," Liz Fanshawe, Director of the Disabled Living Foundation, said, "but there is still a long way to go. The main problem is that aircraft and airports are designed with narrow aisles and very small toilets, steps and other impediments."

Mr George Wilson, director of the association, said yesterday: "There are literally millions of disabled people worldwide who would like to travel by air and are well able to afford it, but they are being prevented from doing so."

Since then Ray Barnard, a Canadian engineer, has worked almost non-stop to get the aircraft into flying condition. Helped by engineers from the Royal Naval Air Station at Yeovilton, he has been forced to rip out the interior and fit new wing tips.

Yesterday she made a perfect take off, piloted by the man who flew her in, Canadian businessman Bob Franks.

Anglers are put on UN blacklist

By John Goodbody

British international sea anglers have been caught fishing in South Africa and are to be included on the United Nations sporting blacklist.

The South African Non-Racial Olympic Committee yesterday confirmed that 19 men are on the list, to be published in a fortnight. The move will effectively bar them from competing in about 50 countries.

The National Anglers Council (NAC) and the National Federation of Sea Anglers said they would be inquiring into the Britons' participation in competitions in March last year.

Mr Peter Tomblinson, NAC executive director, said yesterday: "We did not know anything about this event but I know we did not apply for any grant aid for the competitors to go to South Africa."

Mick Toomer, from Basildon, Essex, who won the individual title for a series of three events, each held over three days, said the 18 Englishmen and one man from Northern Ireland had gone as individuals. He agreed, however, that they had appeared as England teams.

Mr Toomer said they paid for flights but the South Africans met some expenses during the three-week stay.

Hopes for new era as dissidents are freed

By Trudi McIntosh

Lord Avebury, chairman of the British Parliamentary Human Rights Group, said yesterday that he hoped the release of the two Soviet dissident human rights activists, Dr Yuri Orlov and Dr Vladimir Brodsky, would herald a new era of free discussion between the Soviet Union and the West on peace and disarmament.

In a letter to Dr Brodsky, aged 42, who is now in Israel after being released from a Soviet labour camp last month, Lord Avebury wrote: "Unfortunately, campaigning for peace in the USSR is still a criminal offence, unless those concerned are prepared to adhere to the Soviet line."

Dr Brodsky, a Jewish physician, was sentenced last year to three years in prison for his involvement in the Soviet peace movement.

In 1982 he founded the "Group to Establish Trust between the Soviet Union and the United States" in Moscow with two others, but a year later he was dismissed from his job and later imprisoned on charges of hooliganism.

Dr Orlov, aged 62, who was serving a five-year term of internal banishment in Siberia, arrived with his wife, Irina, in the United States last Sunday.

COMPARISON OF SALARIES

	July 1 1985	July 1 1986	Change	Total reward exceeds salary by
	£	£	%	%
MANAGING DIRECTORS	38,000	38,986	12.1	13.1
General Managers	28,882	29,400	9.3	6.5
Company Secretaries	23,810	25,004	9.0	6.3
Personnel Executives	19,000	20,500	7.9	6.7
Training Executives	15,000	16,748	11.7	3.9
Financial Executives	20,000	22,000	10.0	4.5
Cost Accountants	13,500	14,519	7.5	4.4
Production Executives	17,488	19,000	8.6	5.3
Chief Engineers	15,008	16,176	7.8	1.8
Production Controllers	12,576	13,750	9.3	3.2
Production Engineers	13,500	14,300	5.9	2.4
Quality Control Executives	13,986	15,280	9.3	1.4
Distribution Executives	14,500	16,000	10.3	1.6
Purchasing Executives	15,000	16,200	8.0	6.5
Sales Executives	17,500	19,100	8.6	6.5
Export Sales Executives	18,250	20,000	9.6	8.7
Marketing Executives	19,253	21,083	9.5	5.3
Heads of R & D	18,525	20,000	8.0	5.8
Heads of Data Processing	17,407	19,458	10.1	3.7
All Jobs	18,888	19,788	8.7	4.8

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Denning crushed on sovereignty

The formal adoption of any single one of these amendments (he said) would mean the whole Treaty was repudiated by the British Parliament, repudiated in spite of the fact that it was believed by the Government to be in the interests of this country.

It would mean our partners in the Community would go ahead without us and this could eventually necessitate our withdrawal from the Community.

Lord Campbell of Alloway (C) said they all owed sovereignty to the Queen but also to some surrender of sovereignty to make the European system work. If they passed the amendments other states would wonder if the UK was in or out and whether the UK was up to its old tricks again.

Lady Elles (C), a Vice President of the European Parliament, said they should be thankful for a Community based on the rule of law and that British subjects should have rights before the European Court. These courts of first instance would benefit British subjects and not be to their detriment.

Viccountess Caldecote (C) said the Bill was not fully considered in the Commons. The British public did not realize what was being done in their name.

Lord Emswiler of Sawyerby (Lab) said he supported the Bill and opposed the amendments. He was disappointed at the ambivalence of the Labour Party over membership of the EEC. The Bill was an inevitable as it was desirable. The completely autonomous state was obsolescent.

Lord Denning said he was not asking to wreck the EEC or European law. All he was saying was that when there was a dispute, let it be decided by English courts.

Lord Bruce of Donington (Lab) said the 1972 Act under which they joined the EEC was passed on the basis that British interests would be protected by the veto. Now the veto would be useless.

Lady Young, replying to the debate, said the new courts would not hear cases brought by member states nor would they hear cases brought by institutions of the Community or any referred to the European Court of Justice by national courts.

There could be no question of the powers of the courts being changed under the proposed provisions. Such substantial change could only be made by changes to the treaty requiring unanimous agreement of member states and also of national parliaments.

It would be logical for the attached courts to sit in Luxembourg and their jurisdiction would be no greater than the existing Courts of Justice.

Parliament today
Lords (2.30): Housing and Planning Bill, committee stage.

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Asians and blacks not treated fairly in legal profession, says author

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Asian and black members of the legal profession are being prevented from advancing their careers because of "racist" practices, it is claimed in the *Christian Action Journal*.

Mrs Elizabeth Burney, author of a book on the magistracy, says in the *Journal* that there are 800 QCs but none is of black or Asian origin.

"She says it is 'scandalous' that ethnic minorities are suffering from the same sort of prejudices that women faced until recently.

There are still only 19 women QCs and she believes discrimination is going to take a long time to be worked out of the system.

Among circuit judges only one, Judge Singh, is of ethnic origin.

There are 14 women circuit judges and five tribunal chairmen — the lowest rank of the

full-time judiciary. Very few tribunal chairmen are black or Asian, but the Lord Chancellor's Office says more are being actively sought.

Mrs Burney, who is writing in an issue of the *Journal* edited by the Prison Reform Trust, says: "Given the existence of at least 300 black and Asian practising barristers, many of long years experience, their lack of advancement is nothing short of scandalous, as the Bar itself now recognizes.

"Racist practices within the legal profession have so limited their opportunities to gain experience that very few have reached a position in their careers where they can be considered for judicial posts.

"Just as women barristers found until very recently, black and Asian barristers are only offered work that is seen as 'suitable' for them. This means criminal work for black

defendants, usually from black solicitors."

The Bar Council set up its own inquiry which acknowledged the existence of discrimination against black barristers and subsequently monitoring machinery has operated.

The Bar Council and the Law Society hope to fund a long-term research project on black access to and progress within the legal profession.

"It will be many years before all this bears fruit in a fair proportion of black and Asian judges," Mrs Burney says.

She cites research on black magistrates written by Michael King and Colin May and published by the Cobden Trust. It says: "The chances of a black defendant appearing before a black magistrate in areas where there is a sizeable black community range between 3 and 21 per cent."

Employers fight prejudice

By Angella Johnson

Race, sex and age discrimination by employers are causes of social unrest and disillusionment, the Institute of Personnel Management claims.

Yesterday it unveiled an equal opportunities code of practice, which suggests ways of preventing all types of discrimination, that are still rife in society.

The institute hopes its 28,000 members will use the pamphlet as a guideline for fairer recruitment of staff.

A spokesman said: "These policies should ensure that the most effective use is made of all human resources and help prevent the unpleasant results of discrimination at work.

"Discrimination has cre-

ated a lot of tension in our inner city areas."

The pamphlet includes advice on recruitment processes, promotion and how to deal with complaints of victimization.

Employers are encouraged to set targets for recruitment, which should include employing people from different racial and age groups.

The institute says people in their forties and fifties have become the latest victims of discrimination, because of a myth that they cannot easily learn new skills.

To combat this the code states: "Those responsible for in-house training and retraining programmes should recognize that older workers can

still acquire and retain new knowledge and skills."

During the next 12 months the institute will monitor implementation of the code and intends compiling a further code of guidelines next year.

The code has been welcomed by Mr Peter Newsam, chairman of the Commission for Racial Equality. He described it as a positive attempt to encourage the employment of people from ethnic minority groups.

Personnel managers have a key role in starting off equal opportunity programmes and in making sure that new initiatives are taken to deal with any inequality which may be identified in their organization," he said.

Insurance firm seeks advisory role

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Legal insurance companies are attempting to provide legal advice to the public alongside citizens' advice bureaux and law centres if the Government goes ahead with proposals to take that job away from solicitors.

In its response to the Lord Chancellor's Department, which is considering the proposals, the Legal Protection Group, one of the main legal insurance companies, says it is in a "unique position to give the type of advice normally given by CABs and law centres."

For a number of years, it says, it has been providing general telephone advice.

A team of government officials has recommended in a legal aid scrutiny report that free legal advice on a wide range of civil matters could be provided by advice centres. Solicitors would still do the court work.

But the team has not looked at the possibility of a commercial organization such as the Legal Protection Group competing for work.

The service offered by the group could form part of the overall system to be co-ordinated by the proposed new Legal Services Board, it says.

Clients who have legal expenses insurance with the group have access to legally-qualified consultants who work on a rota basis 24 hours a day, it says. Calls tend to be from people involved in road accidents; relatives of people arrested and people wanting advice with domestic disputes or financial difficulties.

The scrutiny team recommends that legal aid funds no longer be available for advice on wills, probate, conveyancing or anything else which can be described as "arranging one's own affairs."



Dr Peter Tomlinson with a miniature transmitter demonstrating radio-assisted practice with Miss Helen O'Conley, a fourth-year student.

Radio advice for student teachers

By Mark Dowd, Education Reporter

Forty teacher trainees at Leeds University School of Education are about to become radio-controlled in an 18-month experiment that may revolutionize training techniques.

Radio-assisted practice (Rap), a £42,000 project funded by the Economic and Social Research Council, permits a discreet contact between educational supervisor and student during school lessons.

Teaching students will wear a miniaturized earpiece receiver which will pick up advice and guidance from the instructor at the back of the classroom. The instructor's tiny transmitter can be strapped to a finger.

The School of Education at Leeds has between 10 and 15

radio-assisted practice sets costing about £600 each.

Dr Peter Tomlinson, who is directing the project, conceded that "rapping" had to be skilful to be effective.

Most trainees, he said, knew about good teaching methods but often forgot to implement them in the heat of the classroom. The role of the project supervisor would be to consolidate theory by offering reminders with well-timed interjections.

For example, one of the common pitfalls among trainees was the tendency to throw out unspecific questions.

The question which begins: "Who can tell me...?" often provoked no reaction from children, Dr Tomlinson said. Pupils were also apt to stare at the ceiling if the teacher continues to say, "Do you agree?"

Should trainees persist in these errors the supervisor might simply say "check name" to remind them to direct their questions to individuals.

The system is also intended to compliment trainees when they perform positively. Dr Tomlinson recalled an instance of a teacher receiving the message, "good ignore", after she refused to countenance disruption.

PC loses job over shooting

By Craig Seton

A police marksman who accidentally shot a woman constable in the leg with a wax training pellet has been forced to resign.

PC Graham Rees, aged 28, was "required to resign" from the West Midlands police after a hearing before Mr Geoffrey Dear, the Chief Constable, this week.

PC Rees, a member of the West Midlands tactical firearms squad, was on armed security duties at Birmingham International Airport when a wax training pellet fired from a .38 revolver hit WPC Eleanor Bird in the leg.

WPC Bird was forced to take three days sick leave after the incident, which was the result of a prank.

PC Rees, married with two children, was suspended from duty, but the Director of Public Prosecutions decided that no criminal proceedings should be taken against him.

The incident, in the locker room at the airport, happened nine months after another West Midlands police marksman, PC Brian Chester, accidentally shot dead John Shorthouse, aged five, during a raid on a Birmingham house.

PC Chester was acquitted of manslaughter.

Go-ahead for missile warning system

By Ian Smith

Planning permission for a new missile early warning system to replace the existing radar domes at Fylingdales on the North Yorkshire moors was reluctantly granted by National Park guardians yesterday.

The controversial project is to be discussed at the coming US-Soviet summit in Iceland.

Within five years the three Fylingdales domes will be replaced by a 120ft high truncated pyramid with a single radar satellite communications disc on top, capable of tracing objects in a 360 degree spread over a distance of 6,000 miles.

The present radar system covers only 190 degrees. The new equipment, linked to similar complexes in Alaska and Greenland, will be able to plot missiles fired from any part of the world.

The development has been strongly criticized by a Washington lawyer, Mr John Rhinelandt, who was legal adviser to the United States team which negotiated the 1972 anti-ballistic missile treaty between the United States and the Soviet Union.

Mr Rhinelandt insists the new "phased array" radar will lead Fylingdales towards Star Wars technology and will violate the treaty.

In a letter presented to the North Yorkshire Moors National Park Development Committee yesterday, the Ministry of Defence said that the Fylingdales project was merely a modernization of existing resources and conformed fully with US treaty obligations.

By 19 votes to 4, members of the committee rejected demands for a public inquiry into the £125 million project on the edge of their moors which will be controlled by the ministry, funded by the United States and run by the Royal Air Force.

Among those calling for a public inquiry were the Council for National Parks, the Council for the Protection of Rural England, Leeds City Council, the Ramblers' Association and the Open Spaces Society.

Few public objections have been raised, possibly because the notice declaring the ministry's plans was posted on a board 25 yards inside the Fylingdales site, where a large red sign warns trespassers off.

Sale room

Vienna in 1900 comes into its own

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

Viennese painting came into its own at Sotheby's yesterday with its first special picture sale. Called "Vienna 1880-1930", the sale achieved a new level of prices, making a total of £982,520 with 14 per cent left unsold.

Mr Alex Absis, Sotheby's Viennese painting expert, commented afterwards: "And this is only the beginning."

Exhibitions in Venice, Paris and New York have recently demonstrated that Vienna in about 1900 was in the forefront of artistic development.

The top price yesterday was £88,000 (estimate £40,000 to £60,000) for "Night Rises From the Sea", by Wilhelm List, showing a girl with flowing hair rising from lines of silver waves.

While Klimt was the best known Viennese artist of the

period, List was his close collaborator. List was a co-founder of the Vienna Secession group and his great talent was demonstrated by yesterday's sale. His 1908 "View of the Lunzersee" went to Marlborough Fine Art at £82,500 (estimate £20,000 to £30,000).

The bargain of the sale was probably List's self-portrait with his brother, painted in the year the Secession was founded, which fetched £17,600. A repetition of the striking double portrait, painted a year later, is in the Austrian national collection in the Vienna Belvedere.

A very early Egon Schiele, "The Dome of Klosterneuburg Convent by Night" of 1908, made £77,000 (estimate £60,000 to £80,000). Schiele's first exhibition was held at the

Convent and it may have been included.

"Somnium Juvenatus", by Gottlieb von Hartenkamp, the misty head and shoulders of a girl clutching a red rose to her bosom, secured £46,200 (estimate £15,000 to £20,000). It was still not a high price for an outstanding Symbolist picture.

Guildford Museum was among the successful bidders at a Glendinning's coin sale on Tuesday afternoon. It spent £2,420 (estimate £1,000) for a penny made at the Guildford mint during the reign of William the Conqueror, an extreme rarity. It came from the third and last auction from the famous Elmore Jones collection of Norman and Plantagenet coins and made £48,301, with every lot finding a buyer.

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US Senate accuses top Russian in United Nations of being a spy

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Hard on the heels of the US Administration's accusation that many members of the Soviet Union's United Nations Mission are engaging in spying, the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence has accused the top Russian working in the UN of being a KGB intelligence officer.

The report also said the recently-exposed spy cases had caused damage "far greater than anyone in the US Government has yet acknowledged publicly". It said this had cost billions of dollars. But the US still had a totally inadequate programme to combat "expanding hostile intelligence operations" against the US.

It says about 450 Soviet citizens in the US, posing as official representatives, are really intelligence agents, and calls for reductions in the numbers allowed to serve in the Soviet Embassy, consulates and UN missions.

Tamil guerrillas dig in despite village set-back

Trincomalee (Reuters) - Tamil separatist guerrillas are still entrenched in Sri Lanka's eastern district despite a three-day battle in which Government troops recaptured a rebel stronghold.

The Trincomalee security forces commander, Lieutenant Colonel Lakshman Wijayarane, said guerrillas controlled five villages around the city after last week's battle in the village of Sambaliva.

Hint of reform for Spanish abortion law

Madrid - Spain's new Health Minister has hinted that the Government will respond to criticism by women's organizations and remove restrictions on legal abortions.

Chirac 'no' to terror blackmail

Paris - As France was facing up to a seemingly endless spiral of new terrorist threats and escalating demands yesterday, M. Jacques Chirac, the Prime Minister, reiterated his government's determination not to give in to blackmail and not to enter any form of negotiations with the terrorists.

Search for a 'teddy bears charter'

EEC labours on toy safety - You would think that if the EEC could agree on anything it would be how to make toys safe for our children.

Labour MEPs call for Europe withdrawal

The British Labour Party group in the European Parliament yesterday sought to move Mr Neil Kinnock and the Labour Party leadership in the direction of a policy of eventual withdrawal from the Common Market.

British shops still sell dangerous playthings

Despite stringent restrictions on the sale of unsafe toys, British shops and market stalls were still selling potentially lethal items, trading standards officers around the country said yesterday.

Strasbourg split over drugs plan

Brussels - Splits appeared yesterday in the European Parliament's new policy towards Europe's drug problem, with Socialist MEPs protesting at the hard-line approach adopted by the Parliament's drug committee.

Prisoner of the Sandinistas



Mr Eugene Hasenfus is led by Nicaraguan soldiers through jungle after his capture following the shooting down of his plane

Managua says American was a military adviser

From Alan Tomlinson, Managua

An American who survived the shooting down of his plane as it was making a supply drop to US-backed rebels in Nicaragua was carrying an identification card describing him as a military adviser in El Salvador, according to Nicaraguan Army officials.

One of two Americans who died in the US-made C123 transport plane when it was hit by rocket fire on Sunday was bearing similar identification, the officials said. The other man's identification card described him as an employee of an aviation company linked, according to the officials, to the Central Intelligence Agency.

Plane link denied by Reagan

From Michael Binyon, Washington

President Reagan yesterday compared the unofficial US group supporting the Contra rebels in Nicaragua to Americans who fought in the Spanish Civil War and he insisted that there was no US Government connection with the American crew of the cargo plane shot down on Sunday.

Scientific award for atom spy Fuchs

Berlin (Reuters) - Klaus Fuchs, the physicist who betrayed sensitive Western nuclear secrets to Moscow in the 1940s, has been awarded a top East German scientific honour, the Communist Party newspaper *Neues Deutschland* said yesterday.

US to set up drug school

Pon Moresby (Reuters) - The US plans to start a school for narcotics agents in Papua New Guinea and its island neighbours to step up the fight against drug smuggling, a US official said.

Plant protest

Bonn - Anti-nuclear demonstrators blocked several roads in Hamburg during the second day of protests over the start of a new atomic power station.

Air award

Chicago (Reuters) - A Federal judge awarded \$37 million to more than 1,700 former United Airlines flight attendants who said they had been forced to retire when they married.

Iran census

Nicosia (AP) - The first public census under Islamic rule in Iran has begun and will take 15 days to complete, covering an estimated 47 million people.

Solar contract

Tel Aviv (Reuters) - An Israeli solar energy company has signed a billion-dollar contract with an American power corporation to build 12 solar generation systems in southern California, a spokeswoman said.

Troop denial

Ankara (Reuters) - Turkey denied Greek charges that it had reinforced its troops in northern Cyprus, saying they were "completely unfounded and lies".



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US action on Pretoria opens the door for British exports boost

By Nicholas Beeston

British business is expected to boost exports to South Africa in the wake of growing United States disinvestment and in the light of South Africa's improved economic performance.

British and South African trade representatives said yesterday that the pro-sanctions climate in the US would probably mean a "bigger slice of the cake" for South Africa's main exporters, Britain, Japan and West Germany.

Mr Raymond Parsons, the chief executive of the South African Association of Chambers of Commerce, said in London that senior British business executives had asked which US companies were "looking vulnerable" in South Africa.

"It is perfectly legitimate for British business to take a hard look at the impact of US sanctions," he said. "If the

question is 'Is there life after sanctions?', the answer is 'Yes, for those who want to take advantage', he said.

The trend had started two years ago when the total of 350 US companies based in South Africa began to slip until now there were only 250.

Although the bulk of US sanctions prohibit the import of South African goods, rather than the export of American goods, there is strong pressure on US companies to cut all links with Pretoria.

A British Government trade source added: "In theory if one major exporter drops out, it follows that the others would get a better share."

A business analyst in South Africa said the increase in the gold price had turned the country into an increasingly attractive export market and improved its payment record. Asked about the US sanc-

tions, he said: "I would have thought it was a good chance for the UK to move in."

Although Britain adheres to some of the measures adopted by the Commonwealth and all those agreed by the EEC, the Department of Trade and the Foreign Office still offer British companies guidance if they want to trade with South Africa, through the commercial section of the British Embassy in Pretoria and the British Overseas Trade Board.

A Foreign Office spokesman said that there was a ban on Government sponsorship for trade missions to South Africa, but there were no constraints on Government departments giving advice to firms wishing to trade there.

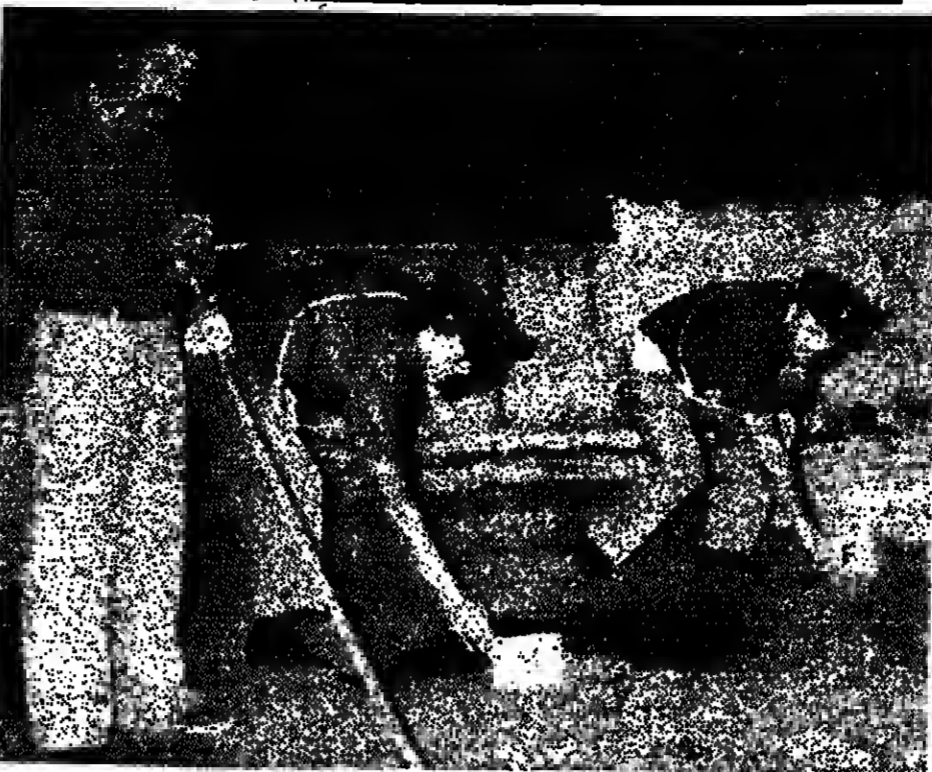
Next month for instance the Engineering Industries Association is organizing a two-week visit for representatives of nine UK companies.

Colonel William Williams, the association's secretary-general, said yesterday that if British traders found that there was a vacuum left by American companies then it would be up to them to take advantage of it.

"British companies can do rather well in fulfilling the needs of the South African market," he said.

But a spokesman for the United Kingdom-South Africa Trade Association predicted that South Africa would try to compensate for US trade bars by providing alternatives from within its own resources.

Mafia blamed for child's killing



Police in Sicily searching for clues in a Palermo street after an 11-year-old boy, Claudio Donino (right), was killed by a gunman on a motorcycle as he was playing outside his home. The gunman escaped (Reuter reports).

Police believe a Mafia vendetta was behind the shooting. They said that Claudio's father, who runs a cleaning firm with a contract at Palermo's high-security prison, was thought to have rejected demands from the Mafia.

Nearly 470 alleged Mafia members have been on trial since February in a specially-built prison courtroom on charges of extortion, drug-trafficking, almost a hundred murders, and other crimes.

A police spokesman said it was thought that Claudio's father had been asked about the ease with which people working for the cleaning company could gain access to the maximum security wing.

Witnesses to the shooting said the gunman had called Claudio by his name several times, and had then shot him in the head.



Huge selection of names faces Unesco's board

From Diana Geddes, Paris

The executive board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Unesco), ended its month-long autumn session yesterday with no great achievements in the way of reforms. There was, nevertheless, a feeling of relief and renewed hope over the troubled organization's future after Mr Amadou M'Bow's surprise announcement that he would not be standing for a third term as Director-General.

Mr M'Bow, aged 65, who has been much criticized in the West for his autocratic leadership and poor management of the organization, explained his decision to leave as "a desire to make a positive contribution to the consolidation of relations of trust which must exist between all the members of the international community."

Mr M'Bow, a Senegalese, was unanimously elected Director-General in 1974 and again in 1980. He insisted that he had been in no way influenced by the "unjust attacks and pressures" to which he had been subjected over the past three years.

Indeed, he claimed that he had taken his decision not to stand again at the moment of his re-election six years ago.

If that were really so, he successfully managed to keep it from even his most intimate colleagues right up until his announcement at a closed session of the board on Monday. His announcement appeared to take everyone by surprise.

In a radio interview on Tuesday, Mr M'Bow said: "The facts have shown that those who wanted to kill off Unesco have not succeeded... Despite the withdrawal of two member states (the United States and Britain), and despite the loss of a third of its resources, Unesco has become a strong organization."

Mr M'Bow, whose candidature for a third term had already won the public support of both the Organization

of African Unity and the Arab League, insisted that no new director-general could be appointed "if the Third World, and in particular Africa, does not want him."

Mr Ivo Margan, the Yugoslav president of Unesco's executive board, will now write to the organization's 159 member states asking them to put forward, before next April 1, the names of candidates to succeed Mr M'Bow when his term comes to an end in November, 1987.

The list of candidates will be made public at the May session of the board, which will then choose a single candidate to be presented for election to the Unesco general conference the following November.

Among the names already being mooted are Prince Sadrudin Aga Khan, a former UN High Commissioner for Refugees; Señor Enrique Iglesias, the Uruguayan Foreign Minister; Dr Butros Ghali, the Egyptian Foreign Minister; Mr Gough Whitlam, former Australian Prime Minister; Mr Kalevi Sorsa, the Finnish Prime Minister, who is said to have the backing of the Soviet Union; Mr Yasuichi Akashi, a senior Japanese official at the UN; and Señor Vitor S. Machado, a former Portuguese Foreign Minister and the only official candidate so far.

However, it is thought that as many as 30 or more names may eventually be put forward. Some observers do not rule out the possibility of new pressure being brought to bear on Mr M'Bow to change his mind should it prove impossible to reach agreement on any of the other candidates.

Britain and the US have both stated publicly that they never sought to personalize their criticisms of Unesco, and that Mr M'Bow's decision to withdraw would not mean that they would immediately seek to rejoin the organization.

Britain and the US would like fundamental reforms of Unesco's management and programme of activities.

O'Brien continues tour

Cape Town (Reuter) — Dr Conor Cruise O'Brien, the Irish academic, said yesterday he will continue with a tour of South Africa despite being driven from a lecture hall on Tuesday night by chanting students who accused him of defying a cultural boycott.

Dr O'Brien is in South Africa at the invitation of the University of Cape Town, where he has been lecturing on the politics of "siege societies" — Northern Ireland, Israel and South Africa.

Last night's lecture, a public meeting, was the first to be disrupted. He is due to give four more talks to students during the next week and expects more protests over his refusal to accept anti-apartheid calls for foreign academics to boycott South Africa.

JOHANNESBURG: The leader of the Liberal Party, Mr David Steel, is to give a public lecture entitled "The Way to a Liberal Revolution" at the University of Cape Town tonight.

Nato general's Gibraltar visit offends Spain

Spain yesterday expressed its "profound dislike" of the official two-day visit General Bernard Rogers, Nato's Supreme Commander in Europe, is presently making to Gibraltar.

Señor Francisco Fernández Ordóñez, the Foreign Minister, said he would be conveying his Government's feelings to Lord Carrington, the Secretary-General of Nato, indicating that Madrid had previously hinted it would regard such a visit "to the British colony of Gibraltar" as inopportune.

Norwegian heavy water 'behind Israeli bomb'

From Tony Samstag, Oslo

Norwegian "heavy water", a prime objective of the occupying Germans during World War Two, may have given the Israelis the boost they needed to manufacture atomic weapons.

Mr Sverre Lodgaard, a scientist attached to the Peace Research Institute of Oslo and its Swedish equivalent, the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (Sipri), says that it was 20 tons of heavy water sold by the Norwegians in the early 1960s and a second shipment in

1970, that enabled Israel to get its nuclear reactor plant operational.

The first sale alone would have been enough to manufacture one atomic bomb a year.

The deal, agreed between the two governments after secret meetings in 1959, was struck after the Israelis had approached the United States and had turned down conditions for a sale which had included inspection of nuclear sites.

Belgrade jails American Albanian

From Dessa Trevisan, Belgrade

A Yugoslav Albanian with American citizenship, whose arrest has provoked an uproar in the US Senate, has been sentenced to seven years' imprisonment here on charges of taking part in peaceful secessionist demonstrations in the United States.

Mr Pier Ivezai, who emi-

grated from Yugoslavia 10 years ago, is said to have joined in demands that the troubled Kosovo region be granted independence from Yugoslavia and eventually absorbed by Albania.

Mr Ivezai was arrested when he arrived here to visit relatives.

Death threats on Bilbao judge

Madrid — A Spanish woman magistrate and a leading judge, both serving in Bilbao, were under police protection yesterday after receiving death threats from a previously un-

known extreme right-wing organization (Richard Wieg writes). Judge Juan Belloch told a popular radio programme: "I shall be staying in the Basque country."



More widespread

Police built in Gaza: Arabs protest at killing
These peace pl...

Police build-up in Gaza as Arabs protest at killings

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Hundreds of Arab workers stayed away from their jobs in the coastal town of Ashkelon, and hundreds of extra police were drafted in yesterday afternoon for the funeral of a taxi driver from the town whose throat was cut on Tuesday in Gaza.

Defence Minister, promised after a visit to the sites of the two murders that the Army would clamp down on "terror by the knife". But he warned that Israelis should be careful about going on their own to certain places.

The Mayor of Ashkelon, Mr Eli Dayan, tried to calm the anger and joined the family of the murdered taxi driver, Mr Yisrael Kizaro, in calling for the outside political agitators not to use the funeral for their own ends.

"We must make a difference between the terrorists we have to pursue and bring to court, and the innocent people who want to live with us in peace," he said.

Only 10 days earlier, another Ashkelon resident was stabbed to death in Gaza. The two incidents have led to violent anti-Arab demonstrations in the town, apparently inspired by right-wing nationalist Jewish groups.

Yesterday, by pure coincidence, there were long-planned ceremonies for the opening of two new Jewish settlements for 25 families in the Gaza Strip at which the guest of honour was Mr David Levy, the Housing Minister, and a strong contender as next leader of the Likud faction.

He called for calm by the people, but promised "an iron fist" policy by the Army against terror in the area — a phrase with a particularly ominous ring to it.

There are now around 2,000 Jews living in 15 settlements in the Gaza Strip, but because of the two killings Mr Reuven Rosenblatt, chairman of the Jewish Settlement Council for the Gaza area, issued a call for more settlers.

"If the Government claims this as a part of Israel and many Jews come here, the Arabs will not kill us," he said.

"We give hope to the Arabs that if they kill Jews we will go away. If we give them such hope they will kill us more and more. We must show the Arabs that killing will not put us out of here."

He said that if the Army wanted, the settlers would help it to patrol the Gaza region, Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the

A memorial plaque, unveiled only last week, renaming the main square of Ashkelon in memory of King Mohammed V of Morocco, has already had to be removed "for repairs".

It had been daubed, hammered and attacked with a pneumatic drill within hours of a ceremony led by a much-loved Mr Shimon Peres to unveil the plaque on the day after the earlier fatal stabbing in Gaza of Mr Haim Azran.

Since then, activists have tried to put up signs renaming the square after Mr Azran.

In his farewell speech as Prime Minister to the Knesset on Tuesday, Mr Peres claimed Israel had now entered "a new era of mutual tolerance".

A few hours later, the centre of Jerusalem was brought to a standstill for two hours as thousands of right-wing demonstrators pressed their case for the release of six members of the so-called "Jewish underground" who have been jailed for terrorist attacks against Arabs.



A long debate in the Japanese Parliament on denationalizing the railways proved too much for Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Prime Minister, left, and his deputy, Mr Shin Kanemaru, yesterday, both of whom dropped off to sleep.

Iran mob attacks embassy

Bonn (Reuters) — West Germany protested to Iran yesterday over an attempt by several hundred protesters to storm the West German Embassy in Tehran, the Foreign Ministry said.

The West German chargé d'affaires in Tehran called at the Foreign Ministry to lodge the protest while Iran's Ambassador to Bonn was summoned to the Foreign Ministry.

The spokesman said the protesters tried to smash down the main door to the embassy before withdrawing. Iraq distanced itself from the attack and promised an investigation.

The attack, in which the protesters shouted "Revenge for Frankfurt", followed violence at the Frankfurt Book Fair between rival Iranian groups last week.

The trouble in Frankfurt involved staff of an official Iranian stand and opponents of Ayatollah Khomeini who were running a bookstall outside the fair.

Basra: Iranian gunners shelled Basra yesterday for the fourth day, rousing the million residents with a 20-minute pre-dawn salvo (Reuters reports). Shells rained down at the rate of two a minute.

Brief Beirut unity in tribute

For a brief but impressive moment Beirut's divided communities united yesterday when Christian Phalangist militiamen formed an honour guard beside the coffin of the Sunni sheikh who was murdered by gunmen in the western sector of the city.

The militiamen, in drab olive green uniforms, presented arms as the cortege carrying Sheikh Sobhi Saleh crossed the front line into east Beirut on its way to Tripoli.

It was a rare — perhaps unique — display of common grief in Lebanon for a man whose compassion and moderation were admired by Christians and Muslims alike.

Sheikh Saleh, who was the second most important Sunni cleric in the country, had consistently opposed the extreme demands of Muslim religious leaders, which may be why he was killed on Tuesday.

As the predominantly Muslim community in the west of the city observed a general strike, Christian church bells tolled in the east. When the cortege made its way through the city, Christians closed their shops in sympathy.

The Phalangist newspaper, *al-Amal*, mourned the sheikh, referring to him as "a symbol of national unity and an advocate of dialogue between the Lebanese factions".

The Lebanese Communist Party, condemning the murder as a "cowardly crime", claimed it was intended to encourage extremist religious demands the sheikh opposed.

Sadly, and predictably, the uncommon unity collapsed after the dead sheikh had been taken across the front line when sniper fire crackled around the museum crossing point through which his cortege had passed only two hours earlier.

The few motorists there — including at least one Western diplomat — had to drive away at high speed.

The city's newspapers yesterday carried a demand by an extremist group for the murder of a French journalist hostage in Lebanon. In what must be among the most horrible mes-

sages of its kind, the Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia asked the pro-Iranian Islamic Jihad movement to kill M Jean-Paul Kauffmann, a reporter for the weekly *L'Evénement du Jeudi*, as a "memorial gift" to mark the visit of Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, to France.

The message, which is unlikely to have any effect on Islamic Jihad, raised serious questions about the role of news agencies in west Beirut which regularly publish extremist statements.

To distribute the messages and conditions of these groups is one thing, but to pass on demands for the murder of a hostage — as news agencies did on Tuesday — is quite another. As usual, the agencies requested that their names should not be included in news reports.

The wife of another hostage yesterday offered to mediate between the American Government and Islamic Jihad for the release of three kidnapped Americans.

Mrs Jean Sutherland, whose husband Thomas, the acting Dean of Agriculture at the American University, was abducted in west Beirut in June last year, said she "sensed a clear readiness by the two sides to discuss demands".



Mrs Sutherland: sensing the moment for discussions.

Swedish reshuffle Cabinet reward for nuclear 'minister'

From Tony Samstag, Oslo

The Swedish Government has used an otherwise routine Cabinet reshuffle, earlier this week, to reward Mrs Birgitta Dahl, the dynamic and popular Minister of Environment and Energy, for what is generally regarded as a brilliant performance in the chaotic aftermath of the Chernobyl disaster earlier this year.

Despite her title, Mrs Dahl, who was 49 last month, formerly operated "without portfolio", in effect as a junior minister, under the Ministry of Industry.

Now she has been given a ministry of her own in a move that reflects not only her personal achievements, but also the seriousness with which the Government is now forced to take environmental issues, particularly the now urgent need to dismantle the country's nuclear power programme.

Sweden voted in a referendum in 1980 to phase out the use of nuclear power by the year 2010. The explosion at Chernobyl not only scuppered rising hopes in the nuclear industry that the voters might be persuaded to change their minds in the meantime, it also rendered the 24-year phase-out period unacceptably long.

"It took just a day, or half a day at least, to recognize what was going on at Chernobyl and its likely effects on Sweden," a Government spokesman told *The Times* yesterday. "Mrs Dahl took command of the situation immediately and has

remained in charge of the difficult turnabout in policy after the decision to dismantle the nuclear power programme as quickly as possible.

The Government hopes to set a new target date next month for what Mrs Dahl has described as the "unprecedented" task of building "a completely new energy

system" to replace the electricity, estimated at up to 30 per cent of Sweden's needs, that will be lost when no fewer than 12 nuclear power plants are shut down.

Mrs Dahl's appointment is by far the most significant of a handful necessitated by the retirement of Mr Svante Lundqvist as Minister of Agriculture. A new junior ministry for youth, sport and tourism has also been created.

SWEDISH CABINET
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Chiang says Taiwan to lift martial law

Hong Kong — (AFP) — President Chiang Ching-kuo, of Taiwan has said his Government will soon propose the lifting of martial law, which has been in force since 1949.

Mr Chiang, eldest son of late president Chiang Kai-shek, was quoted by the *International Herald Tribune* as having told *The Washington Post* that the move would mean an end to trials of civilians in military courts and the removal of restrictions on personal freedoms.

The decision to lift martial law came from a long standing desire to democratize Taiwan and improve economic conditions, the President said.

Cardon stops Bangladesh boycott rally

Police in Bangladesh yesterday disrupted a public rally called by Sheikh Hasina Wazed, the opposition leader, in the town of Rajshahi, about 250 miles north of Dhaka, opposition sources said.

About 20 people were arrested as police cordoned off the rally venue in the university town preventing Sheikh Hasina and other leaders from entering Rajshahi, they said.

The rally was organized by Awami League, the main partner in the eight-party alliance, which is opposing next week's presidential polls.

Chinese peace pledge

Cairo (AP) — The Chinese Deputy Premier, Mr Li Peng, indicated yesterday that China would be glad to take part in an international conference on peace in the Middle East.

Mr Li told reporters here that he had discussed the Middle East situation during

talks with President Mubarak. Asked whether Peking would take part, Mr Li replied: "We support all proposals which can lead to a peaceful settlement for the Middle East problem, as long as they bring a just and acceptable solution to the Palestinian issue."



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Mozambique troops in battle with rebels expelled from Malawi

From A Correspondent, Harare

Thousands of members of the right-wing Mozambique Resistance Movement have recently crossed into Mozambique with their weapons after receiving an expulsion order from President Banda of Malawi, Zimbabwe's semi-official daily newspaper, *The Herald*, reported yesterday.

The newspaper quoted official sources as saying heavy fighting was taking place between Mozambique troops and Renamo rebels in Tete province, with more than 500 civilian refugees fleeing into neighbouring Zambia.

Expulsion of the rebels, referred to as "bandits" by the Zimbabwean news media, follows a summit meeting in Blantyre last month when President Machel of Mozambique, President Kaunda of Zambia, and the Zimbabwean Prime Minister, Mr Robert Mugabe, demanded decisive action against cross-border hideouts.

"Officials have pointed out

that the bandits were not handed over to the Mozambican authorities, an action that would have conformed with the demands that Malawi cease supporting the bandits," the *Herald* report said.

The wave of rebel infiltration in the past few days was said to be "wreaking havoc" in Mozambique's border areas, with a major Renamo build-up taking place near the town of Zumbo, close to the headwaters of Lake Cabora Bassa. The authorities in Zambia's neighbouring Laungweya district say 128 families, numbering 553 people, have so far crossed the border to escape the fighting.

The *Herald* questions whether the expelled rebels represent the entire Renamo force based in Malawi, or a token number intended to give the impression that President Banda is complying with the demands of the frontline states' leaders. After meeting President Banda in Blantyre, President Machel threatened to blockade landlocked Malawi and move his Soviet-supplied rockets up to their common border if Renamo infiltration continued.

Malawi, which is the only member of the Organization of African Unity to maintain full diplomatic ties with South Africa, denies giving the Mozambican rebels sanctuary or support. South Africa pledged to cut off aid to Renamo under its 1984 Nkomati accord, which it has continually been accused of violating.



The royal yacht Britannia passing through Hong Kong to Canton where she will await the end of the Queen's first visit to communist China and bring her back to the crown colony. The Queen is leaving for China on Sunday.

Top Soviet graft detective threatened

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

As Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet leader, intensified his fight against corruption, a Soviet criminal investigator disclosed that he and his family had received threats of violence from high-ranking officials whom he was interrogating on suspicion of corruption.

The admission, printed in the weekly supplement of *Izvestia*, was one of the first public acknowledgements that senior officials faced with criminal proceedings had resorted to physical threats against the detectives trying to bring them to book.

Mr Vladimir Kalitichenko, a senior investigator at the state prosecutor's office, said he had taken the threats so seriously that he was now driving his daughter every morning up to the gates of her school.

"I explained to her that this was being done not because daddy was snooty, but out of necessity," he stated.

"It cannot be excluded that those who committed especially grave and dangerous crimes will see the main threat to their well-being in an investigator, and will go to extremes," he added.

Asked if officials sometimes hinted that they had patrons in high places, he said: "This is subsidising oow."

Mogadishu to restore links with Kremlin

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi

The Foreign Minister of Somalia, Mr Abdurahman Jama Barre, said in Mogadishu yesterday that he and the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, had agreed that their countries should restore the links which existed before 1977, when the Soviet Union backed Ethiopia in driving an invading Somali army out of Ethiopia's Ogaden desert region.

The two ministers met in New York last week while attending the United Nations General Assembly.

Although formal diplomatic relations were never broken, Somalia renounced its friendship treaty with the Soviet Union in 1977 and later gave the United States the use of the Soviet-built port and air installations at Berbera, on the Gulf of Aden.

Air crew bid for control over unruly passengers

Sydney (AP) - Airline cabin crews, worried about safety on long flights, should be allowed to use handcuffs and tranquilizers on unruly passengers, an Australian International Cabin Crew Association official said yesterday.

He cited one incident where a passenger on a flight from Bahrain to London "overreacted" to a request by poking one flight attendant in the eye, punched a second and struck a third in the face.

"Unless we get some better control of passengers on board the aircraft who become aggressive and violent... someone's going to be seriously injured," he said.

Museveni faces threat from within

Nairobi - Uganda, 24 years independent today, faces the possibility of elements within the Government of President Museveni and some army officers supporting rebels during the past six weeks in a Kampala suburb to overthrow the Government and some officers tried to defect to them or to sabotage efforts to overcome rebel attacks.

(Charles Harrison writes) New Vision, the Government newspaper says a group being held on treason charges - including three ministers and other politicians - had plotted

Weinberger in China

US supports the 'middle kingdom'

From Robert Grieves, Peking

In an interview conducted by ABC News in Peking on Wednesday, Mr Caspar Weinberger, the US Defence Secretary, pledged continued American military support for China's "equidistant" foreign policy between the two superpowers.

Mr Weinberger, who is in China for a week's visit, said that the US had already signed numerous technological agreements with China "involving such things as large calibre artillery ammunition, defensive systems, logistical systems, communications systems, things of that kind that will help them defend their country."

He added: "And we're going to continue to do this to whatever extent the Chinese people would like us to. We think the security and sovereignty of China is an enormously important factor in the security of the world."

Asked if he thought China's foreign policy would "over the long haul" be equidistant to both the United States and the Soviet Union, or if it would lean more towards the US, Mr Weinberger replied: "They are, after all, the Middle Kingdom, so it would not be amiss if they were equidistant from everybody."

Asked if he thought the ninth round of high level Sino-Soviet talks now underway in Peking posed a threat to developing ties between the US and China, Mr Weinberger replied: "I don't think these talks have been a threat because the Soviets have shown no movement toward removing the three obstacles that the Chinese quite properly say stand in the way of a better relationship."

The three obstacles cited by the Chinese are the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, Soviet support for the Vietnamese invasion of Cambodia, and the deployment of Soviet divisions on the Sino-Soviet border.

In a 3½-hour working session on Wednesday with Mr Zhang Aiping, China's Defence Minister, Mr Weinberger discussed those issues as well as the deployment of Soviet missiles in Asia and the growth of the Soviet Pacific fleet.

Today Mr Weinberger is scheduled to meet Mr Deng Xiaoping, China's paramount leader.



Mr Weinberger vow to continue support.

Peking seeks more ties with North Koreans

From Our Own Correspondent, Peking

In the wake of its participation in the Asian Games in South Korea, China is seeking to strengthen its diplomatic ties with North Korea, according to Western diplomats in Peking.

"The North Koreans are unhappy that China, for the first time, sent five plane-loads of athletes directly to Seoul," a diplomat said yesterday.

"Even though permission to do so took the Chinese months to negotiate, the North Koreans believe that they have been betrayed by Peking."

China's overtures to Pyongyang have come as Moscow Soviet break. Earlier, China had supported North Korea during the Korean War.

This year, Pyongyang has begun to allow Soviet aircraft to overfly its territory and in July allowed Soviet naval vessels to tie up at the North Korean port of Nampo during ceremonies marking 25 years of friendly diplomatic ties between the two countries.

In exchange, Moscow has sent Mig 23 fighters to Pyongyang. Details of direct military sales, if any, involving the two countries were not immediately available.

During the July celebrations in Pyongyang, Soviet and Chinese delegations reportedly vied to win the favour of Mr Kim.

"The Chinese delegation was more senior in rank, but the Soviets were prepared to talk about substantive military issues," said a foreign observer in Peking.

On Tuesday, President Li returned to Peking from a four-day goodwill trip to Pyongyang.

On Wednesday, the official *People's Daily* published half a page of pictures showing crowds of Koreans greeting Mr Li, and of Mr Li and Mr Kim riding together through Pyongyang.

During Mr Li's visit, he and Mr Kim discussed North Korea's seventh five-year plan, the Vietnamese occupation of Kampuchea and peace talks with Seoul, according to the *People's Daily*.

China has supported North Korea's attempt to set up talks involving the military commanders of North Korea and South Korea forces, as well as the commander of American forces in South Korea.

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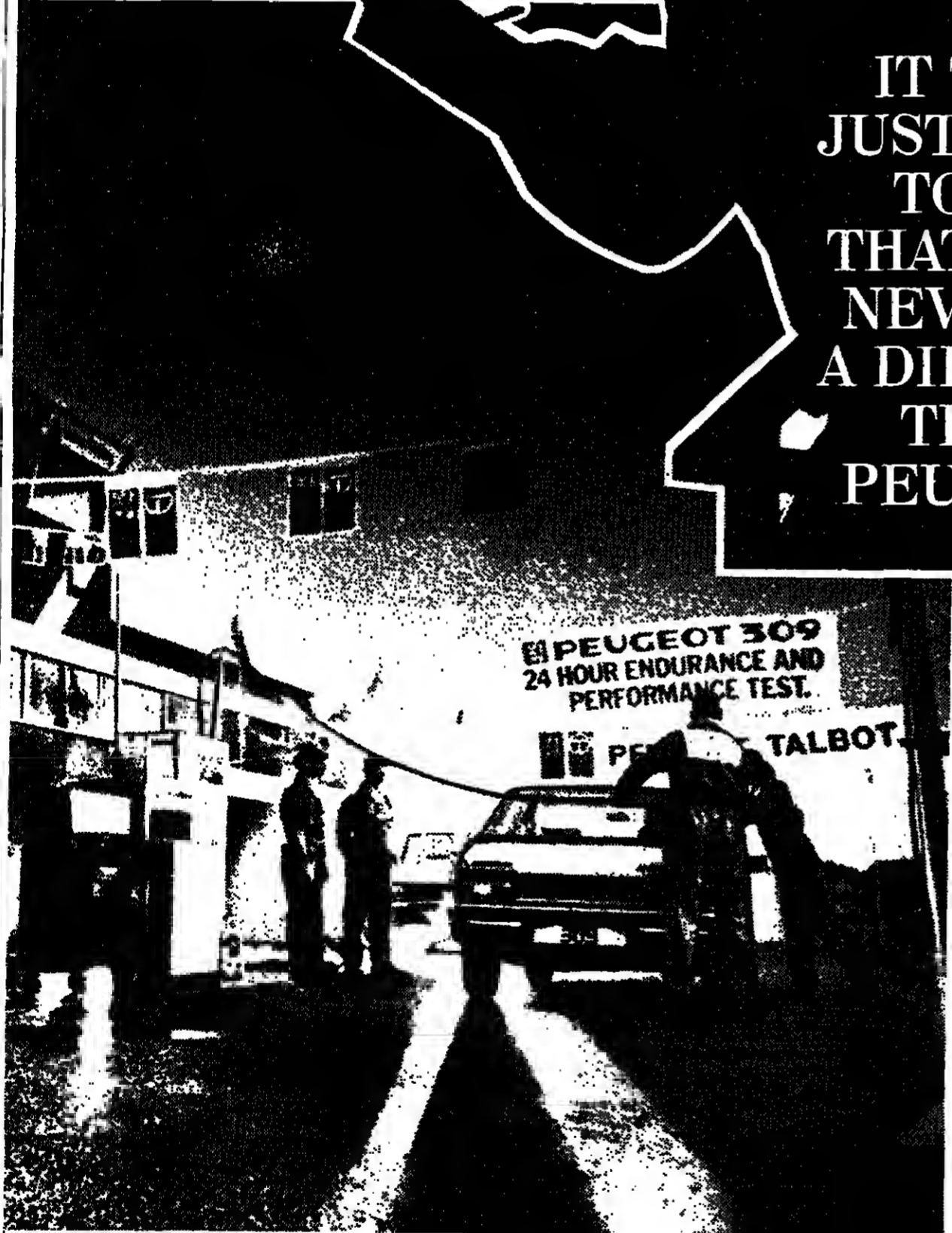
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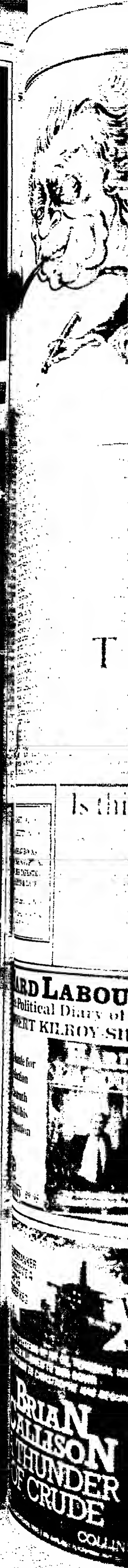
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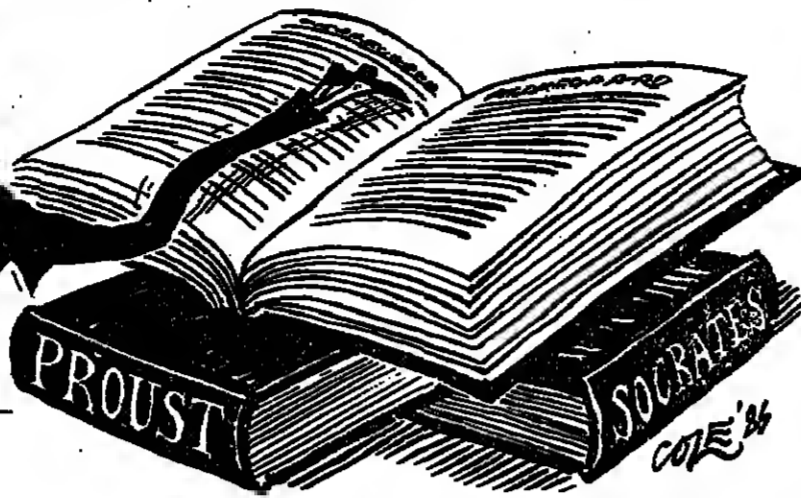


BOOKS



Peter Ackroyd reviews a study of an English literary vice and a contrary mode of speech

Map to the dim state of Ironia



Ironically enough, there is no plausible definition of irony. Samuel Johnson's attempt at one...

THE ALLURING PROBLEM An Essay in Irony By D.J. Enright Oxford, £12.95

know enough as because uncertainty is intrinsic of the essence. This sounds like a definition of scepticism rather than of irony, however...

The real problem is that it tends to issue from an ill-concealed sense of superiority, sometimes even of smugness, and in some of the ironic anecdotes that Mr Enright includes...

collection of anecdotes: it is a disquisition on the nature of irony, and includes a panoramic survey from Socrates to Joseph Heller...

meaninglessness that those with very short memories ascribe only to the Twentieth Century.

Kafka is always being wheeled out in this capacity, as in so many others. But every period has its own form of irony...

Conventional wisdom might suggest otherwise, however, and in recent years a case has been made for irony's "modern" mode, as a way of confronting the absurdity and

Life in a jungle of politics

NOVEL of the week

Victoria Glendinning

THE REAL LIFE OF ALEJANDRO MAYTA By Mario Vargas Llosa Faber, £9.95

criminals, or senators, all with old scores to settle. The novelist's account of these interviews is mixed up with the conversations and feelings from the past which he invents...

sort of person who becomes a revolutionary. An ardent Catholic as a child, Mayta turns to Marxism, and in his search for perfection allies himself with smaller and smaller splinter-groups...

A god in the computer

FICTION

Elaine Feinstein

ROGER'S VERSION By John Updike Andre Deutsch, £9.95 MOMENTS OF REPRIEVE By Primo Levi Michael Joseph, £9.95



Updike as theologian

Peculiarly contemporary American puritanism has always underpinned Updike's obsession with coupling, and this late, brilliant novel is all the fiercer for openly taking theology on board...

He is dogged by Dale, a plausibly unlikable computer buff with waxen skin and pale blue eyes, who pursues Roger with discoveries in astronomy, doubts about Darwinism, and queries arising from those finely adjusted constants necessary for life to exist at all...

As the man with the fiercer mission in life, Dale's collapse is more brutal. All power ebbs from him; and he begins to look like a poor ghost of his former self...

Both Roger and Dale are ultimately destroyed by the sexuality that has always been deadly to the Protestant ethos. For Roger his heary niece Verna, with her slurred street speech and warm, musty, stush bedroom, becomes the itchy object of his desire...

Perhaps it is so accident that at his most depleted and inarticulate, Dale is faced with such a representative of an alien tradition called into little more than a marble phallus for the considerable

Higgs reduces Dale to a child commanded to think while groping in helpless ignorance. Kriegman's confidence springs from recent evidence that life arose from crystal formations in clay that provide the template and scaffolding for life...

Primo Levi's work is reaching us out of sequence now, and the stories bear witness chiefly to his unquestioned integrity and modesty, as hard-hitting as Shalomov. The best story concerns a pious Jew so insanely determined to fast on the Day of Atonement in starvation camp conditions...

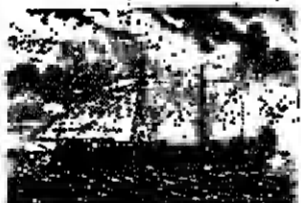
Is this the ship that won at Salamis?

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The Great Times Trireme Correspondence of 1973 was started by Eric Leach on August 30 with a piece discussing, largely, the trireme's use of sail...

count of a journey of 130 nautical miles completed in that time—twelve hours? twenty-four?—and tentatively suggested 10-12 knots as an average speed...

Peter Jones THE ATHENIAN TRIREME By J.F. Morrison & J.F. Coates Cambridge, £22.50, paperback £7.95



Oh-op op, oh-op op together

J.F. Coates's chapter on the fundamentals of design and reconstruction. With the help of his own superbly detailed line-drawings (a thranite oarsman's view etc.), he takes us through the problems of hull-design, tenon size (broken out strain, so the boat will depart from authenticity on this point), choice of wood (Douglas Fir, for its resistance to decay), caulking, and then describes the actual process of construction...

evidence for the reconstruction. It is astonishing what can be wrung from them. The ruins of a shipshed at Zea give us a trireme's maximum dimensions (absolutely crucial evidence); a foundered merchantman gives us the technique of hull-construction, confirmed by Homer's account of the ship Odysseus built when he was released from Calypso's clutches...

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THE TIMES DIARY

Phibbs, or facts?

Harry Phibbs, who made a name for himself by publishing a claim that Harold Macmillan was a war criminal, is back in action at Bournemouth. This morning he and his Federation of Conservative Students friends will be distributing spoof front pages of The Times...

All holds barred

The Tory Reform Group has come up with a new formula for fringe meetings, which I am sure will find instant favour with politicians. Hitherto, it has been the practice for speakers to prepare a speech and take tough questions from the floor...

Fallout

Do the Bournemouth police suspect foul play in the affair of Mrs Thatcher and the manhole cover? After her fall, security men broke the seal on the manhole, lifted the cover, and carried out a thorough examination...

Party faithful

The Prime Minister, in spite of her Methodist background, declined an invitation to a pre-conference service on Sunday at the Parsons Memorial Methodist Church, opposite the conference centre...

Security's tight

Security's tight, I was stopped and told to hand over any election-related ideas to Norman Tebbit.

Policeman's lot

The Royal Ulster Constabulary's alleged "shoot-to-kill" policy is due to be presented to Northern Ireland's Director of Public Prosecutions, its author, West Yorkshire police chief Colin Sampson, is strangely absent...

King tong

Amid the excitement of the Queen's visit, the Chinese have invited London crimp Allan Soh to cross the bamboo curtain. He is famed in certain fashion-crazed circles for curbing the locks of starkers such as Koo Stark...

Unesco: leave the door ajar

Timothy Raison, until recently Minister for Overseas Development, argues that British withdrawal should not be irrevocable

Amadou Mahtar M'Bow has announced that he does not intend to stand for a third term as Unesco's director general. As one who was involved in Britain's campaign to reform the organization...

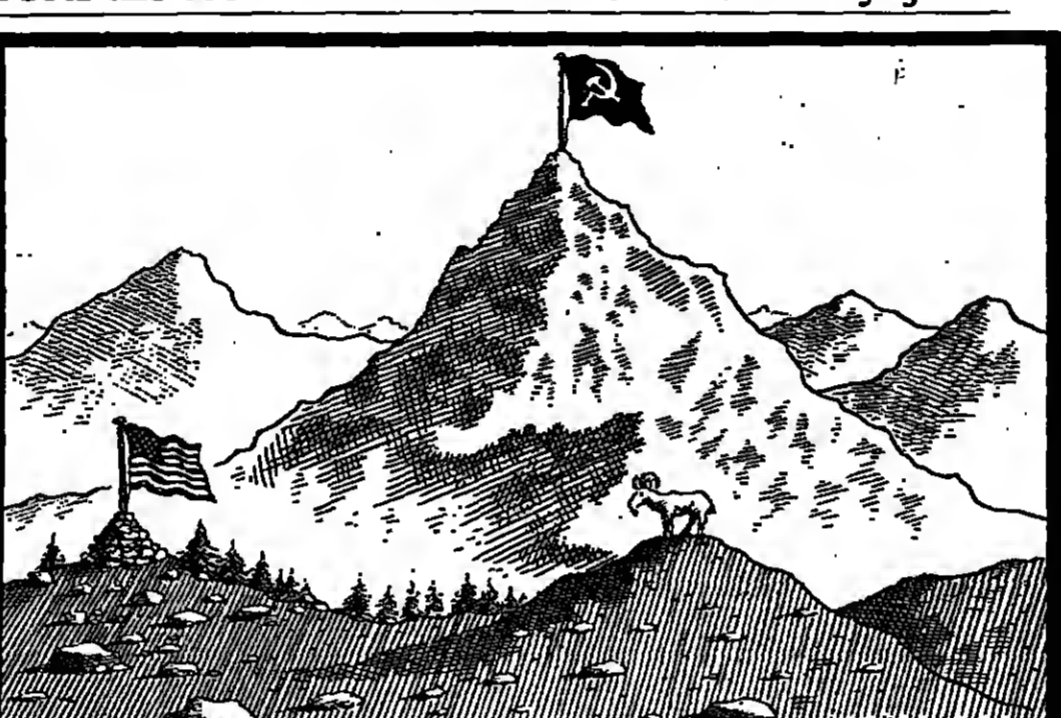
balanced and more effective programmes. budgetary restraint, more efficient management, and a curb on the kind of politicization which had been particularly worrying in the so-called New World Information and Communication Order...

to Unesco. The organization, at present slack, yet autocatalytically run, would gain by a movement for reform...

Our departure was greatly eased by the decision that the £6 million or so saved by it was not to be recouped by the Treasury but to be spent on a well-judged programme of scholarships and scientific and cultural activities...

Michael Binyon sets the scene for the weekend talks in Reykjavik

Washington No longer is President Reagan in nervous awe of the smart new man in the Kremlin. He thinks he knows how to handle him and, as the Reykjavik encounter nears, he knows what he wants and holds most of the strong cards...



Pleasing view from Reagan's base camp

freed Soviet dissident, Yuri Orlov, Reagan insisted that without a real improvement in the Soviet human rights record there could be no lasting progress on other issues. But, willy-nilly, it is an arms control summit, and here the US side has definite views on what it wants and thinks achievable...

More on one issue there may be but one lively discussion: Afghanistan. Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet foreign minister, hinted as much last week...

Reagan will bargain toughly on all these issues. He is convinced that Gorbachev is under pressure to achieve results that would lead to better relations but would not be considered dangerous concessions back in Moscow...

Whiff of battle brings a new euphoria

After a period of fractious, troubled sleep the Tory party has shaken itself awake and emerged blinking into the Bournemouth sunlight to discover that its confidence is still intact. Norman Tebbit was relaxed enough to wield the stiletto rather than the bludgeon on the Labour Party in his speech...

this country's nuclear defences". The disarray of the Alliance on the same issue has delighted them too. Probably much too soon, the Tories are writing off the Alliance: they feel much more comfortable fighting the old enemy...

board Tory reforms giving trades unions back to their members; nationalization has become, in the words of Tory MP Norman Lamont, "the policy that dare not speak its name". Tories who three months ago were twitching about the opinion polls are now reminding one another of what a mountain Labour has to climb to gain the 116 seats it needs for victory...

they epitomize the new style. The wet sympathies remain over the dinner table, but behind the departmental desk the emphasis is on practical achievement. The debate over whether there should be tax cuts or more spending on schools and hospitals is concluded. There will be some of each.

Ronald Butt

Measuring up to obligation

Labour has launched a skilled operation against the Tories, with an argument going like this: Mrs Thatcher has broken the old consensus based on a mixed economy, a mutually co-operating society, and a high notion of public service and welfare. Instead, she has introduced competitiveness, discord, and a preference for the successful at the expense of concern for the needy...

charade whose weakness is that "its champions promise to a majority what only a minority will ever get." There is now clearly a greater disposition among voters to see the defects in social provision as confirmation of that sort of thinking. People increasingly question what sometimes seems to be a kind of government fatality about unemployment and to contrast the waiting lists for hospitals and the living standards of pensioners with their growing knowledge of the vast pay that can be earned in the City...

What Mrs Thatcher did was to abandon the pretence that the old consensus mould could be fitted together again. Instead she began the attempt to build a new consensus based on popular capitalism, freedom, and personal responsibility, in the belief that in the long run it would bring better living standards for all...

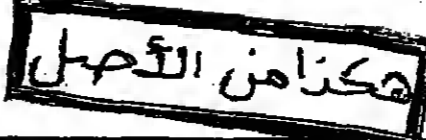
moreover... Miles Kington

How inefficient are you?

I was looking at some Christmas crackers in a shop the other day, trying to remember which makes in the past had proved successful and which disastrous. It occurred to me, not for the first time, that it would be the height of efficiency to make a note of such things at the time and refer to it next year. The depth of inefficiency would be to do what I do, and keep a spare box of crackers so old that none of them detonates and all the jokes fail to go off.

efficient person has a diary at home and a diary at work, each containing only half his appointments. The super-inefficient person knows he will lose his diary before the year is out, so well in advance he buys a mid-year diary (starting July), and loses that too. At the garage. The super-inefficient person carefully takes the right amount of petrol so that the bill comes to an exact number of pounds, with no pence. The inefficient person leaves his petrol cap at the filling station. The super-inefficient person walks off, leaving his car behind. Cards. Super-efficiency: sending postcards on the first day of your holiday and Christmas cards in November. Mere inefficiency: sending postcards on the last day of the holiday and Christmas cards on Christmas Eve. Super-inefficiency: bringing your postcards home and going to work on Christmas Day by mistake.

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THE HEALTH OF DEFENCE

Yesterday's Conservative Conference addressed the two subjects, health and defence, which are likely to be the weakest and strongest Tory cards in the forthcoming election campaign. They are, indeed, the weakest and strongest Tory cards in almost any election campaign. The mysterious alchemy of party "image" ensures, irrespective of the policies or conduct of the two parties, that the Tories are credited by voters with the military virtues and that Labour is thought to be "caring."

As they prepare for the election, however, Labour and the Tories are making very different use of their natural advantages. At its Blackpool conference, Labour decided to make a unilateralist defence policy one of the major planks in its manifesto. Not only did it thus adopt a policy rejected by majority of the public and many of its own supporters, but in addition it devoted as much passion and energy to broadcasting the fact as to boosting any of the policies on which it enjoys general sympathy. The conference's indignant attack on Tory stewardship of the health service was largely overlooked in the ensuing public uproar.

When the Tories debated health at their conference yesterday, they showed no sign of adopting a policy at variance with popular support for the National Health Service. On the contrary, they proclaimed their devotion to it at regular intervals and eschewed any radical policies that might even threaten to undermine it. With all its deficiencies, whether inherent or caused by governmental parsimony, the health service is "safe" — protected not so much by Mrs Thatcher, as by a general political consensus resting upon strong popular appeal.

Mr Norman Fowler, the Secretary of State for Social Services, was therefore able to devote his speech to a defence of the government's record on health, against the charges of neglect and meanness. This he did by quoting statistics of record hospital building programmes, reductions in waiting lists and increases in medical staff, patients treated and total health spending.

Mr Fowler won a genuinely spontaneous standing ovation from the Tory representatives, but the general public has been resistant to this line of argument up to now. To a degree this is unfair. The Government has been the victim of a redefinition of "increased

spending." Since the cost of health care rises automatically with inflation, with advances in health technology and with demographic changes, a spending increase which merely accommodates these pressures is discounted. Only money on top of that is treated as a real increase. That is absurd by the usual tests of prudent finance, but it is the test that has been adopted by public opinion and the media.

The Government's claims that it has increased NHS expenditure even by that high standard, spending £11 billion more each year than the 1979 figure, are disbelieved because, at a local level, people see wards understaffed, shortages of equipment and eternal waiting lists. Mr Fowler yesterday outlined future spending to correct some of these deficiencies. No "new money" was involved. In the short term, however, simple administrative changes — for instance, to enable patients in areas of shortage to move for treatment to where their particular facilities are well provided — might have a more visible effect.

Mr Fowler's defence will be judged partly by reports of the performance of the health service over the next year. But in responding reasonably to criticism, the Tories have at least taken the edge off any attack Labour might launch on them.

On the defence of the realm, the Tory debate suffered mainly from the tedium of hearing people loudly agreeing with each other. How long it will remain so is debatable, given the stresses and strains upon resources in the next few years. But the fact that things are still in place this year is out the least of the debts which Mrs Thatcher owes to Mr Neil Kinnock.

So Mr George Younger, the Defence Secretary, rose to address the party conference for the first time as Defence Secretary yesterday, assured of safe conduct from the faithful. Not only that but he could also speak in the near-certain knowledge that his audience would be listening. If defence is ever to be an issue at a general election, then the next general election is the one.

But with Government defence spending about to start a steady downward movement in real terms, there are serious questions which will have to be addressed on the allocation of resources. This year's Defence White Paper acknowledged a downturn by about six

PROCESSION TO PEKING

On Saturday the Queen sets out for Peking on the first visit to China by a reigning British monarch. Her week-long tour promises to be as picturesque as it is symbolic, a pageant of contrasting sights and sounds which will set the seal on the Sino-British agreement on Hong Kong.

Only five years ago such a visit would have been inconceivable. Britain's imperial past with its legacy of economic involvement in South China, had made our country a byword for foreign interference in China even before the communist takeover in 1949. This legacy has been a perpetual handicap in our relations with the People's Republic of China ever since.

Now two generations of Chinese have grown up being taught that England was chief among those who plundered China's wealth and reduced her to the status of a semi-colony. They have been taught too that the institution of the monarchy, as epitomized by the British Royal Family, is one of the Western world's anachronisms which will, like capitalism and the state, wither away in due course.

That the Queen will next week be received in Peking by China's communist party and its leaders illustrates the change that has taken place in China's attitude towards the outside world in recent years. It illustrates too the greater influence now felt by the leaders of the People's Republic in assessing their country's story. Above all it illustrates a mood of diplomatic flexibility that now prevails in Chinese leadership.

Deng Xiaoping and other senior Chinese leaders are engaged in a diplomatic season unparalleled diversity. The scene has been preceded to king by Caspar Weinberger, US Secretary for Defence. In turn, was preceded by land's head of state and Communist Party leader, General Jaruzelski — the first orthodox East European communist leader to visit China since the Soviet Union broke with China more than 25 years ago. And the Queen will be followed to China by the East German party leader, Erich Honecker, who makes his first visit to China later this month.

For the Chinese leadership, this diplomatic flexibility is part of a relatively new, but nonetheless coherent policy of maintaining a balance in relations between East and West and being beholden to neither. This month's succession of visitors to Peking maintains this balance.

China's first flush of enthusiasm for the United States has given way to a realistic acceptance of what can and cannot be changed in US-Chinese relations — on both sides. Mr Weinberger has this week impressed on the Chinese the view that the partial Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan promised for this autumn is a deception. The Chinese, who find the Soviet military presence in Afghanistan as unacceptable as the West does, will no doubt take note of this view. But they have also welcomed the symbolic value of the Soviet gesture, which was directed by Moscow as much towards Peking as towards the West.

The East European visitors will likewise have their points to make to the Chinese leaders. They may offer advantageous trade terms, which China — lumbered with obsolete Soviet plant from the honeymoon period of Sino-Soviet relations — will probably welcome. The East Europeans for their part will welcome the added diplomatic outlet that improved relations with Peking affords. Following Moscow into the Sino-Soviet dispute restricted Poland and East Germany in their relations with the Far

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Protection in house price boom

From the President of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
Sir, Your interesting series of articles on the house price boom (September 29, October 1) is entirely right in one respect, but quite wrong in another.

It is right to draw attention to the plight of first-time buyers, who often have to borrow more than they can comfortably afford to repay in order to get a foot on the bottom of the housing ladder. To the extent that the building societies and other agencies sometimes encourage an unwise level of indebtedness they are not really doing the borrower a good turn.

But it is wrong to suppose that the house price boom can be cured simply by tightening up on mortgage lending.

The price of houses, like that of anything else which can be bought and sold, is determined by supply and demand. House prices outstrip inflation only when the effective demand exceeds the supply.

The effective demand for houses is certainly affected by the lending policies of the building societies and banks. But they are not the only factor. And easy credit only pushes up prices where there are not enough houses or flats to meet the demand which is created.

The only long-term solution to spiralling house prices is to increase the number of houses and flats available. Britain badly needs more houses — at least a million more — to cater for the growth in the number of households, to replace unfit housing and to provide a margin of empty housing awaiting reoccupation or disposal.

Building more housing, for rent as well as for sale, needs a much more comprehensive overhaul of housing policies than has so far been suggested in *The Times*. Both the recent RICS report, *Housing — the Next Decade*, and the report of the Duke of Edinburgh's inquiry into British housing have suggested how it could be achieved, and at the same time how to bring some logic and fairness to the jumble of subsidies, tax relief, rent controls and other measures by which housing in this country is governed.

Both reports should be compulsory reading for everyone who

Speaking up on pupils' behalf

From Mr Paul Farmer
Sir, As head of a Brixton comprehensive school I take exception to the assertion by Amanda Atha and Sarah Drummond (Spectrum, October 6) that "State school pupils are sloppy, spotty and louche". It is a breathtakingly unfair and unkind assault, both on children in general and on the State system of education, only further reinforced by the corollary of the preceding statement, "In private schools, manners are good and the pupils are clean and polite."

The vast majority of pupils at my school dress well; some of them dress very well. Their manners can be and usually are good, and they enjoy showing off themselves and their school to visitors. They may be very occasionally spotty (are private schoolchildren immune to this teenage problem?) but invariably they are clean.

Far from being louche, their openness, straightforwardness and sense of fairness can be quite disarming. And all this is achieved in spite of their lack of privilege (65 per cent are on free meals) and as a result of the expectations of decent parents and conscientious teachers.

At a time when parents of primary schoolchildren are considering their choices of secondary schools it is unfortunate that *The Times* should support so-called research which contains provocative and misleading statements. The real state of secondary schools is readily available for all to see.

As far as Dick Sheppard School is concerned we welcome visitors any Monday morning (polite, clean and well dressed pupils will receive you in the foyer), and whilst we cannot guarantee perfection, like most secondary schools we have little to hide and a lot to offer.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL FARMER, Head Teacher,
Dick Sheppard School,
Tulse Hill, SW2,
October 6.

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DRESS-MAKERS
TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES
Sir, ... I plead in behalf of a numerous class of helpless females, the victims of a tyranny but little known to the public, and less of all, probably, contemplated by those of higher rank, in whose cause they suffer. The hardships and privations experienced by the young women apprenticed or hired to dress-makers in this metropolis, so far exceed the sufferings of any other description of persons in this country, not excepting the parish poor, and scarcely even the inmates of our prisons, that I would fain hope that they need only be pointed out to public notice in order to be redressed. The lot of domestic servants is to be envied, in comparison to that of the persons to whom I now allude ... Exceptions may undoubtedly be found. I myself know of many instances in which these young persons are treated with great kindness; their hours of labour moderate; their religious and moral conduct watched over; and as much of comfort extended to them, as is perhaps consistent with the present state of society in this great town. Nevertheless, these are but exceptions. The treatment apportioned by the generosity of young females so employed is cruel in the extreme.

The year, among dress-makers, is divided into seasons. The autumn and spring are the seasons of business; the former beginning in November, and ending in January; the latter extending from March to July; the period when the chief part of the nobility and gentry leave town for their summer residences and excursions. Thus, nearly two-thirds of the year are fully occupied; the remainder is a state of comparative inactivity, during which the greater number of persons thus engaged are dismissed, to subsist as they can until the ensuing season.

In almost all the houses of extensive business in the dress-making line, the day and night are apportioned in the following manner:—The young women rise either at six or seven o'clock according as they may happen to go earlier or later to bed. They sit at work till 8 or 9, when they spend about half an hour, at most, at breakfast. At dinner, which varies in different houses, from 2 to 7 o'clock, as much time is allowed. And at some later hour, they employ a short time in taking their tea. In most cases this is the last meal allowed. After this they continue to work without intermission till 12 or one o'clock in the morning — that is when business is slack, as they call it; but when orders are numerous and pressing, they are kept up till three or four in the morning, or even later if necessary; and not seldom in the course of the season they sit up all night, and continue their labour on the following day. On one occasion during the present season, they were only in bed 8 hours altogether in three successive nights; but then it was to execute an order for mourning! A wedding is to them not less disastrous. Upon one plan or another of this kind, and sometimes to gratify the wish of some capricious female of rank who must have her order for a new dress executed at a few hours' notice, it may be fairly computed that, upon an average, during the busy season, they sit at work 18 out of every 24 hours. The sabbath, which to the labouring poor, and even to our beasts of burden, is a day of rest, here often brings no solace nor intermission of labour with it. The work of Saturday night is protracted to a late hour on Sunday morning; and not infrequently the whole of Sunday is thus occupied.

Such incessant labour, it might be supposed, would be rewarded with comforts in other respects; but they are sometimes as ill fed as they are hard worked. Will it be believed that in some houses of this description no provision is made for their young women on Sundays? Yet such I know to be the fact. They are expected to spend the day out, whether they have friends in town to receive them or not. ... I have known an instance of a young woman being thus compelled to pass the day between the hours of service in walking the streets until the return of evening; and with hardly the means of purchasing a scanty meal at the pastrycook's: ... I perceive that I have trespassed too much on your valuable paper, but I trust the magnitude of the object will be an excuse. I remain yours respectfully,
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is interested in better housing at a price that people can afford.

Yours faithfully,
DONALD TROUP, President,
The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors,
12 Great George Street, SW1.

From Mr K. B. Sutton
Sir, There used to be something called supply and demand. Now, according to your Spectrum article of September 29, there seems to be something called lax lending and irresponsible borrowers.

The tone of your article and indeed the quotation from Sir Gordon Borrie perpetuates the view that it is entirely the fault of institutions, mortgage brokers and estate agents when people find they have a problem paying for their mortgage.

As a mortgage broker we find the opposite to be true. A large number of enquiries are received by us which never proceed to mortgage application because the potential borrower is shopping around for the maximum loan at the cheapest rate with the largest multiple of income they can find. People who are doing that have a great deal of time to think about it and to consider the costs.

House buyers should not need protecting from the consequences of their own actions. They must know what they can afford. If a mortgage is going to cost them too much money there is one simple word in the language to help them out of the problem — "No!"

We certainly do not advocate irresponsible borrowing and excessively high multiples of prices of value. But provided that a mortgage and its costs are fully explained, who are we to say to our clients "No, we are not willing to put you in touch with such and such an institution who can give you what you sides." It takes two sides to make a bargain. It is utterly ludicrous to suggest that it is the fault of the institutions, who should expect to "face the prospect of Government regulations" if they do not stop offering the public what they want.

Most people know what they can afford. Do allow them the freedom to choose. This is certainly a case where "Nanny does not know best".

Yours faithfully,
K. B. SUTTON,
Mortgage Manager,
Conquest Financial Services,
Hunstworth, Bridgwater, Somerset.

Nuclear deterrence

From Sir Clive Rose
Sir, No responsible person will disagree with Monsignor Bruce Kent (October 6) in his detestation of nuclear weapons and his fear of the consequences of their use. This is why it is essential to do everything possible to prevent it. There should be no doubt about the sincerity of President Reagan and Mr Gorbachov when they jointly declared in Geneva last November that "a nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought".

Nato governments of all political persuasions, their ministries of defence and their chiefs of staff have, for more than 30 years, endorsed the doctrine of deterrence as the best way of achieving this. Monsignor Kent has had to resort to the well-worn device of selective quotation in his attempt to justify his criticism of the doctrine.

What Lord Carrington actually said last December was:

The Alliance relies on nuclear weapons — and very largely on American nuclear weapons — to do three things: to deter the use of force, against us, whether it be nuclear or conventional; to provide credible retaliatory capabilities if deterrence fails and we are attacked; and to give us an effective counter to nuclear blackmail in a world where nuclear weapons exist and cannot be disintegrated.

Nuclear weapons deter because of the possibility of their use, and by no other means. If deterrence failed and Nato was in danger of

defeat, the Alliance would have the awesome task of deciding whether to retaliate with nuclear weapons.

There is nothing automatic about this decision. Assessing the risk of escalation would be a crucial factor. The view that escalation would be inevitable, however eminent its authority to which it is attributed, is based purely on subjective judgement, not tested by any experience. The probability will never be zero, but it can certainly not be assumed to be 100 per cent.

Of course any degree of risk is profoundly disturbing, and God forbid therefore that the need for such a decision should ever arise. If it did, the fervent hope must be that statesmen on both sides would draw back from the abyss. But nothing would be better calculated to reduce the credibility of deterrence than for Nato to forswear in all circumstances the option to use nuclear weapons, and, if necessary, to use them first.

Lord Mountbatten did not make this mistake. He argued that we are most likely to preserve peace if there is a military balance between East and West. The real need is for both sides to replace the attempts to maintain a balance through ever-increasing and ever more costly nuclear armaments by a balance based on mutual restraint.

This is what the negotiations in Geneva and next week's summit in Reykjavik are all about.

Yours faithfully,
CLIVE ROSE,
Chimney House,
Laveham, Sudbury, Suffolk.

Out of sight

From Mr Philip Joseph
Sir, Lord Craigton's plea (October 4) for the provision of name labels with clearer type is well founded. However, the real answer lies in persuading people to wear their name badges on their right shoulders and not on their left as is usually done. We shake hands with our right hands, when the left shoulder gets thrown back at the vital moment of eye contact and the surface of the badge is then presented obliquely away from the viewer.

Then, even if one is not myopic, one is still obliged to look somewhat over one's shoulder while greeting them. It is not elegant.

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP JOSEPH, Director,
Books Etc Ltd,
120 Charteris Cross Road, WC2,
October 6.

Incident in Verona

From Sir John Colville
Sir, The effect of insult and injury in Verona, of which Mr Christopher McCall writes (October 6), can be widespread.

Many years ago my wife and I engaged an Italian girl as a cook. She could not cook and she arrived from Italy pregnant, having heard that the British welfare state provided free maternity services.

I told the Prime Minister of this unfortunate imbrogio, adding that the girl's condition was due to a chance meeting after dark in a street in Verona.

"Not one of the Two Gentlemen, I presume," said Sir Winston. I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
JOHN COLVILLE,
The Close, Broughton,
Nr Stockbridge, Hampshire.

Streets ahead

From P. E. L. Fellows
Sir, "Fleet Street" may become an anachronism, but "Grub Street" will live forever.

Yours faithfully,
PEREGRINE FELLOWES,
The Court,
Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire.

Troops in Afghanistan

From Mr Andrew Carnegie
Sir, Your front page headline "Afghan withdrawal begins in few days" (later editions, October 3) would delight the Afghan KGB and their brothers in Moscow.

It gives just the impression the Soviets wish to create of a steady de-escalation in Afghanistan, timely of course with the UN Assembly.

Returning as I just have from Afghanistan and neighbouring Pakistan, I can say that it is no secret that the troops, being withdrawn are Soviet anti-aircraft divisions, and as the Mujahideen are about as far away from having an air force as they ever were, it makes such a withdrawal totally meaningless.

Unless, of course, reputable western newspapers represent it as a genuine gesture at a time when Soviet policy is in fact one of violent escalation against the civilian population.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW CARNEGIE,
7 Bloomsfield Terrace, SW1,
October 6.

Policing in Bristol

From the Chief Constable of Avon and Somerset Constabulary
Sir, Since Miles Kington (feature, October 2) is so interested in policing events in Bristol I should be delighted to provide the opportunity for him to meet those officers who, when the public are at risk, have to take difficult decisions such as whether to mount a siege or to sustain it to the absence of the certain knowledge that an armed criminal has fled. I am sure they would be interested to learn from his experience in these matters.

Incidentally, had he bothered to check on the number of arrests for drug-related offences in the recent operation in St Paul's he would have learned that in fact 60 were arrested.

Yours faithfully,
RONALD F. BROOME,
Chief Constable,
Avon and Somerset Constabulary,
Chief Constable's Office,
Bristol, Avon,
October 3.

Post haste

From Mr A. K. Whitehouse
Sir, Your correspondent today (October 1) expects that the postal service will improve, but can modern technology add organisation ever give us the service which prevailed early in the century?

In the first decade of this century, whilst walking high on the Lake District mountains, my father broke his spectacles. In the late afternoon he reached the post office of the village where he was staying. He sent off a telegram to his optician in London. When he came down to breakfast next morning new spectacles were awaiting him.

This seems unbelievable today, but then the optician, working long hours, looked up the prescription, assembled some new spectacles, sent his boy round to Euston and put them on the night train for urgent delivery next morning.

Yours sincerely,
A. K. WHITEHOUSE,
The White House,
Olney, Buckinghamshire,
October 1.

Illegal immigrants

From Mr A. M. Housley
Sir, According to Home Office figures reported in your columns (October 1), 1,114 illegal entrants to the United Kingdom were detected in 1985. Assuming that most ports of entry operate seven days of the week, this represents the not exactly alarming daily average of just over three illegal entrants, of whom 24 leave voluntarily or are deported.

One is bound to wonder what the everlasting fuss over illegal immigrants is really all about, particularly in view of the recent proposal to impose a visa requirement on visitors from certain Commonwealth countries and Pakistan.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW HOUSLEY,
Ealing Community Relations Council,
2 The Green,
High Street,
Ealing, W5,
October 2.



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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 8: The Queen arrived at Buckingham Palace this afternoon.
The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, President of the British Olympic Association, this afternoon attended the Annual General Meeting of the Association at the Cafe Royal, Regent Street, W1.

Gloicester, Colonel-in-Chief Royal Army Educational Corps, this morning received Major-General Sir Richard Trant on relinquishing the appointment as Representative Colonel Commandant, and Major-General Edward Jones on assuming the appointment.
In the evening Her Royal Highness, as Patron, was present at the 'Starlight Ball' in aid of Asthma Research Council at the Hilton Hotel, London W1.

Mr L.R. Allan and Miss A.M. Haylen
The engagement is announced between Laurie, son of Mr and Mrs K.M. Allan, of Oswestry, Shropshire, and Annabelle, daughter of Mrs C.W. Hayden and the late Mr F.O. Hayden, of Adstead, Surrey.

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Forthcoming marriages

Lord Cadross and Miss C. Beasant
The engagement is announced between Hazy Erskine, elder son of Dr and Countess of Buchan, of Newbank House, Newnham, Bessinghame, and Charlotte, daughter of the Hon Matthew Beaumont, of 71 West Side, Topham Common, London, SW4, and Mrs Alexander Maitland, of 38 Redcliffe Gardens, London, SW10.

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OBITUARY

MR HAL B. WALLIS

The man who produced Casablanca

Mr Hal B. Wallis, a Hollywood producer whose name appeared on more than 400 films, including Casablanca, The Maltese Falcon and True Grit, died on October 5 at the age of 88.
In a forty-year career he operated equally successfully within the studio system and as an independent. His films typified the commercial Hollywood product at its best: strong stories directly told and aiming to entertain. He maintained that there was no magic formula for success in filmmaking, but time and again he proved his shrewdness in gauging popular taste.

He had his reputation to accusations of playing safe. After everyone else had turned down, he bought William Inge's play, Come Back Little Sheba, cast Shirley Booth, an actress new to films, in the lead role, and saw her win the Oscar for the year's best acting performance.
Harold Brent Wallis was born in Chicago on September 14, 1898. He left school at 14 and, to support his mother and two sisters, worked as an office boy with a real estate firm. Later he was a salesman. Because of the mother's health the family moved to southern California in 1921, and he got his first job in films as the manager of a Los Angeles movie theatre.

At this time included The Roomaker, with Katharine Hepburn, and the John Sturges Westerns, Gunfight at the OK Corral and Last Train from Gun Hill.
In 1964 Wallis came to Britain to make Becker, a huge box-office success which starred Richard Burton and Peter O'Toole. After this, he brought the stage hits Boeing Boeing and Barefoot in the Park to the screen and struck up a fruitful partnership with the veteran director Henry Hathaway on two popular Westerns starring John Wayne, The Sons of Katie Elder and True Grit. The latter won Wallis his only Oscar.

Appointments

Princess Anne, President of the Missions to Seamen, will attend a concert at St John's, South Square, on October 14 and a buffet supper afterwards.
The Duke of Kent celebrates his birthday today.

Marriages

Mr C.E. Clarence-Smith and Miss B.A. Lovell
The marriage took place on October 1, in San Diego, California, of Mr Christopher Clarence-Smith, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Clarence-Smith, of Nettlestead, Norfolk, and Paul Anthony Lovell, daughter of the late Wing Commander M.G.L. Lovell and Mrs M.G.L. Lovell, of Minehead, Somerset.

Marriages

Dr P.A. Holmes and Miss E.A. Wagh
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 27, 1986, at the Parish Church of St Andrew, North Berwick, Scotland, of Dr Peter Anthony Holmes, youngest son of Mrs Dorothy Holmes, and the late Mr Gordon Holmes, Ilkley, West Yorkshire, and Miss Elisabeth Anne Wagh, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs V. Norman Wagh, North Berwick, Scotland.

Appointments

Fertiliser Manufacturers Association
Mr J. B. Walker, President of the Fertiliser Manufacturers Association, presided at the annual dinner held at the Savoy Hotel yesterday. Mr James Provan, MEP, was among those present.

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Mr D.H. Gilmore to succeed Sir William Harding as Deputy Under-Secretary of State (Americas/Asia), Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Reception
Mr D. Walters, MP, Mr Dennis Walters, MP, Chairman of the Conservative Middle East Council, was host at the council's reception held yesterday in honour of the Arab Ambassadors at the Wexley Hotel, Bournemouth. Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, MP, was the principal guest.

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Dr James Hardy Wilkinson, FRS, who made an outstanding contribution to computing through his work on numerical analysis, died on October 5. He was 67.
Born on September 27, 1919, he was educated at St Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School, Rochester, and Trinity College, Cambridge, where, at the age of 16, he won a major scholarship in mathematics. He went on to gain first class honours in Part II of the Maths Tripos and a distinction in Part III.

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David William Alexander Mure was born in Eglinton Castle, Ayrshire, on October 25, 1912. His father, Colonel William Mure, who died that year, was a grandson of the first Lord-Leonfield and head of his sept, the Mures of Caldwell.

OBITUARY

SIR JOHN WESTALL

General Sir John Westall, KCB, CBE, who died in New Zealand on September 30, aged 85, was an officer whose distinguished service was primarily in the Royal Marines, but who also spent a considerable number of years in intelligence appointments.
John Chaddesley Westall was born on July 2, 1901. Though a New Zealander, he was educated at Dulwich. He joined the Royal Marines in October 1919, and by 1930 had reached the rank of captain.

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After serving as a VAD in the First World War she became her father's secretary, later working for the Liberals in politics. She inherited a love of hills and climbing from her father's family, particularly the English Lake District where she met her future husband, Theo (later Lord) Chorley. She became president of the Ladies' Alpine Club, vice-president of the Fell & Rock Climbing Club, and editor of its journal.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS AND IN MEMORIAM

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BIRTHS

ALLEN On September 26th, in Bermuda, a son, Charles Edward...

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Science report

Mapping the molten centre of the Earth

By Keith Hindley

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Reagan demands summit support

From Mohsin Ali
Washington

President Reagan, on the eve of his departure for the Reykjavik talks with Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, yesterday urged national unity and bipartisan support for his mission. He told a Republican campaign rally in Raleigh, North Carolina, that it was at times like these, when diplomacy was being conducted at the highest level, he was particularly grateful for the way "we as a free people pull together". Administration officials have said it was possible that a full summit could be held in Washington this year.

Asked in a television interview yesterday whether the US wanted to see something tangible on human rights before it could ever sign an arms accord, Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, said: "No, I didn't say that. If we can find something that is in our interests in these major arms reduction proposals, we should go ahead with that."

US scientist 'defects'

Moscow (Reuters) - A US scientist has arrived in Moscow after defecting from the United States and has been granted political asylum, Tass said yesterday.

Clergy get a taste of Army life



Mr Peter Vickers tries a tank with Lance-Corporals Andrew Proctor (left) and David Powell. (Photograph: Peter Trevinov)

Younger hits out at Labour over defence

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sure that Britain remained a free country and a reliable ally. He was cheered when he renewed the Government's commitment to the Trident missile programme and when he delivered the following message for consumption in the United States: "We the Conservative party are the government of Britain not those who have had the headlines so far this autumn. And we in this Government are not and never will be soft on defence."

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Wapping offer rejected by Sogat

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This vote reinforces the view that there is little hardship. However, the company will be putting up a procedure to consider any cases on an individual basis.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Paymaster General and the senior employment Minister in the Commons, last night described the Sogat vote as a "great blow" (Richard Evans writes).

Walker leads wet Hezbollah attack

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The Tory Reform Group and the Conservative Action to Revive Employment. The organization sounded similar to one of those hitherto unheard of groups which frequently claim responsibility for specific atrocities in the Middle East. Sometimes they have blood-curdling titles of which CARE is typical.

Mr Peter Walker, the Secretary for Energy and the Cabinet's longest-serving wet, yesterday in effect attacked Government economic policy at a lunchtime fringe meeting organized by a hitherto unknown organization calling itself CARE - Conservative Action to Revive Employment.

Today's events

Royal engagements
The Queen attends a reception at St James's Palace given by the 16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers, 3.30.
The Princess of Wales visits the Hospice Unit at the Hospital of St John and St Elizabeth, 60 Grove End Road, London, NW8, 10.15.
Princess Anne opens the new hall at Abbot's Hill School, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, 10.30, and then, as President, the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, visits Reidan, High Wycombe, 12 noon; later, as President, the Riding for the Disabled Association, visits the South Buckinghamshire Group at Mill House Farm, Fulmer, 2.30.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,172

(A crossword puzzle grid with some numbers in the squares)

- ACROSS
1 New northern theatre put in jeopardy (8).
5 Turn around outside your entrance (6).
8 Old tradition in dispatches produces stirring emotion (11).
9 He's contemptible compared with a Democrat (4).
10 Wise man with one son has estates in the Pacific (7,7).
11 Ghost of police officer in this say? (7).

- 4 Understanding several points about wife (7).
5 A runner like John Halifax (9).
6 Followers may be inert and extremely unreliable (7).
7 Leader of troops managed to rest in this camp (7).
12 Crisis for supporter of outspoken old antimanagerialist (9).
14 One proceeding with difficulty when preparing eggs (9).

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- 13 Pardon for girl accepting shelter (7).
- 15 Unusually quaint Oriental relief (7).
- 18 In margin insert note for temporary (7).
- 21 Old person's quarters given free land at Arnhem (11,3).
- 22 Hat to its former extent like Pierrot's (4).
- 23 What happens to everybody's friend in the end (10).
- 24 Like the four central characters in 25 - truly (6).
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Weather forecast

Moist SW to W airflow, with a frontal trough moving southeastwards across northwestern Britain.

6 am to midnight
London, SE England, East Angles, Channel Islands: Mostly dry, sunny intervals; light southerly or moderate; max temp 18C (65F).
Central S, E, SW, central N England, Midlands, S Wales: Sunny intervals, becoming cloudy with some rain during the evening; wind southerly light, becoming moderate; max temp 18C (64F).
N Wales, NW, NE England, Lake District: Rain during afternoon and early evening; with southwesterly moderate or fresh; max temp 16C (61F).

High Tides

Location	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.02	6.5	6.22	6.9
Aberdeen	5.36	4.0	6.04	5.8
Avonmouth	11.31	11.4	11.57	12.0
Belfast	3.20	3.4	3.40	3.4
Cardiff	11.16	10.5	11.47	11.2
Dover	8.4	8.1	10.25	8.8
Devonport	3.01	6.2	3.28	6.1
Edinburgh	2.21	2.5	2.21	2.5
Falmouth	4.24	4.8	4.25	4.7
Glasgow	4.24	4.8	4.25	4.7
Harwich	3.29	3.7	4.21	3.8
Heligoland	2.21	2.5	2.21	2.5
Hull	10.36	8.9	10.59	8.5
Liverpool	10.14	8.8	10.38	7.9
Lough	7.46	8.3	4.42	5.1
Loughsborough	1.34	2.3	1.59	2.4
Lowestoft	3.29	3.7	4.21	3.8
Malaga	4.53	4.8	4.53	4.8
Northfleet	10.32	8.3	10.59	8.0
Orkney	3.26	5.3	4.25	6.0
Penzance	8.01	5.2	8.34	4.8
Portsmouth	11.12	11.9	11.36	12.4
Portland	3.49	3.4	4.29	4.4
Shoreham	3.15	3.9	3.36	3.8
Southampton	2.33	2.3	2.33	2.3
Swansea	10.24	9.7	11.00	9.3
Torquay	8.06	6.0	8.27	4.6
Tralee	2.53	4.4	2.53	4.4

Lighting-up time

City	Start	End
London	6.51 pm to 8.45 am	8.45 pm to 8.55 am
Birmingham	6.58 pm to 7.00 am	7.00 pm to 7.10 am
Manchester	6.58 pm to 7.00 am	7.00 pm to 7.10 am
Cardiff	6.58 pm to 7.00 am	7.00 pm to 7.10 am
Glasgow	6.58 pm to 7.00 am	7.00 pm to 7.10 am

Anniversaries

Birth: Heinrich Schütz, composer, baptised, Köstritz (Bad Köstritz), Germany, 1585; Camille Saint-Saëns, Paris, 1835.
Deaths: Eugenio Pacelli, Pope Pius XII 1958-58, Castel Gandolfo, Italy, 1958; Cise Guevarra, guerrilla fighter and revolutionary, Bolivia, 1967; André Maurois, writer, Paris, 1967.

Parliament today

Lords (2.30): Housing and Planning Bill, committee stage.

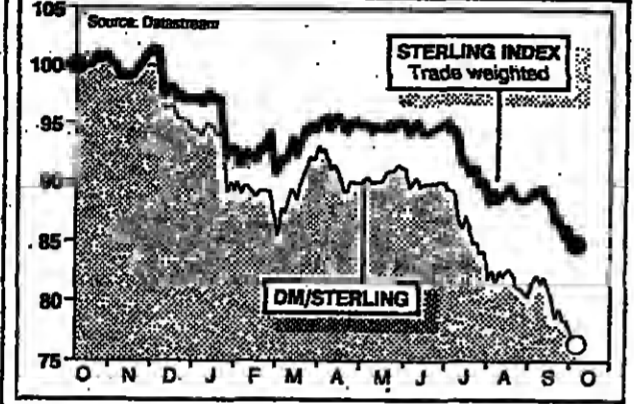
The pound

Country	Bank	Buy	Sell
Australia \$	2.52	2.26	
Belgium Fr	20.8	19.75	
Denmark Kr	82.10	58.50	
France F	2.63	1.94	
Germany DM	1.77	2.20	
Greece Dr	189.00	187.05	
Hong Kong S	11.28	10.88	
Italy Lira	2052.00	1932.00	
Japan Yen	338.20	218.00	
Netherlands Gld	1.55	1.62	
Norway Kr	10.90	10.20	
Portugal Esc	216.00	204.00	
Spain Ptas	164.00	164.00	
Swedish Kr	10.15	9.60	
Switzerland Fr	2.42	2.28	
USA \$	1.46	1.415	
Yugoslavia Dnr	700.00	600.00	

Money market rates firm as sterling plunges

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

A wave of selling hit the pound yesterday, sending the sterling index down by a full point to a new low, and stepping up the pressure for a rise in base rates.



Holmes à Court involved in heavy Standard buying

By Richard Thomson and Richard Lander

Mr Robert Holmes à Court, the Australian entrepreneur, was at the centre of two deals in the City yesterday worth a total of about £70 million.

Davy makes £16.6m cash offer for Monk

Davy Corporation, the process plant engineering and construction group, has made a recommended all cash offer worth £16.6 million for A Monk, the building and civil engineering contractor.



Mecca Leisure to join stock market

By Alexandra Jackson

Mecca Leisure, the subject of a £95 million management buy-out from Grand Metropolitan last December, is coming to the stock market by way of an offer for sale of 25,926,000 new shares at 135p.

Elders' finance in place

After a fundraising tour of the world's leading financial centres, Elders IX, the Foster's Lager concern, yesterday announced details of how it will pay for the £1.4 billion purchase of the Courage brewing operations.

Britain sets £6bn takeover record in US

By John Bell, City Editor

British companies have spent a record-breaking £6 billion so far this year on buying American companies. This transatlantic spending spree represents a substantial extra drain on the British equity market at a time when fund raising from all sources is running at all-time high levels.

Waterford pays £252m for Wedgwood group

More than 400 years of craftsmanship were forged yesterday when Waterford Glass, the Irish crystal manufacturer, made an agreed £252 million takeover bid for Wedgwood, the bone china group.

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Table with market data: STOCK MARKET, FT 30 Share, FT-SE 100, Bargains, USM (Datastream), THE POUND, US Dollar, W German mark, Trade-weighted.

Kaufman in reshuffle

Mr Henry Kaufman, New York's foremost financial guru, has resigned as vice-chairman and director of Salomon Inc, holding company for the investment banking and commodities group, as part of a widespread management reorganization.

OTT to lift payout

Ocean Transport and Trading, the shipping, transport and services group, yesterday promised shareholders a higher final dividend to help to dissuade them from accepting the £258 million cash bid from Mr Ron Brierley, the New Zealand financier.

SE first

Baker Harris Saunders Group will be the first commercial estate agent to come to the stock market. A tender offer of 25 per cent of the firm at a minimum 150p a share is to be made, raising £1.78 million net.

Dividend up

Higgs and Hill, the housebuilding, property and construction group, made pre-tax profits in the six months to the end of June of £4.6 million, a rise of 19.5 per cent. The dividend was raised 10 per cent to 5.5p net.

Table with market data: STOCK MARKETS, MAIN PRICE CHANGES, INTEREST RATES, CURRENCIES, NORTH SEA OIL.

MARKET SUMMARY

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Jobs scheme 'works well'

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

A government scheme to promote self employment is working well, according to a survey conducted by Social and Community Planning Research, a research organization.

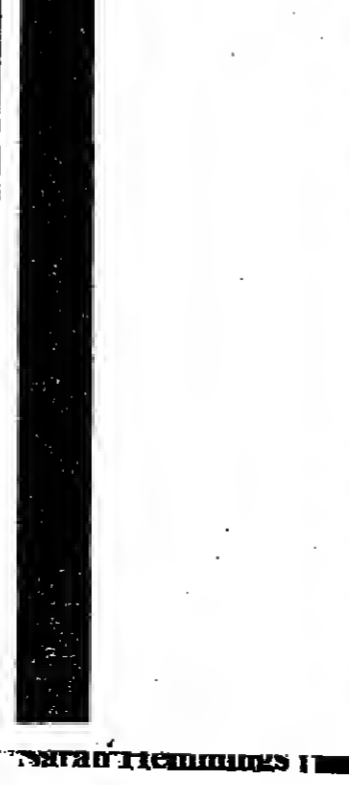
£300m for tower

By Judith Huntley

Winchester House, a City office block that changed hands for £65 million last year, is to be demolished to make way for a 31-storey office tower, with 380,000 sq ft of space.

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Board in plea over export support

By Teresa Poole, Business Correspondent

More efficient and speedier support from Government departments is needed to help British companies compete for large overseas capital projects, the Overseas Projects Board said yesterday.

In its review of projects exports since April 1985, the board - an advisory group of senior industrialists - called also for the more effective use of aid money taking full account of the benefits to British industry, and:

- an increase in Britain's total aid budget
more support from the machinery of Whitehall for exports
an increase in the Aid and Trade Provision which should be operated with commercial considerations as the main criteria
less aid money to be put into 100 per cent grants and

BASE LENDING RATES table with columns for bank names and rates (e.g. ABN 10.00%, Adam & Company 10.00%, etc.)

Spirax-Sarco marginally up. Spirax-Sarco Engineering, the Cheltenham specialist in fluid control equipment, announced a stagnated set of figures for the first half of the year with profits only marginally up from £6.892.000 to £6.909.000.

APPOINTMENTS

Mars Confectionery: Mr Norman Lloyd becomes sales director.
Profile: Mr Mark Norris joins as a director.
The Thomas Cook Group: Mr Trevor Davies joins the board and Mr John A McEwan becomes managing director.
UK Travel: Ivory and Sims: Mr Jeremy Haywood becomes a director from November 1.
Wade Potteries: Mr J Crossland is made a non-executive director.
Baker Rooke: Mr Richard Blake becomes senior partner and Mr Graham Willett managing partner.

Racal Electronics: Mr Philip Crossland joins the parent board.
Thorn EMI Business Communications: Mr Keith Shepherd becomes managing director.

Homequity: Mr Patrick Montgomery becomes managing director.
International Flexon Group: Mr John Handley has been made chairman.

The Registrars' Group of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators: Mr Noel Walker becomes chairman.
Groupe Europeo S.A. (GESA Assistance): Mr Robert Ploot and Mr Joachim Poch become joint chief executives.
Mr Bernard Meistrasse has been nominated chairman GESA (France).
Guinness Mahoo & Co: Mr David Ashworth, Mr Philip Atkinson, Mr Nicholas McCarthy, Mr David Roberts, Mr Martin Riley and Mr Robert Phillipson Stow become directors.

Britannia heads for full listing

By Richard Lander

Britannia Security Group, the diversified protection and security services company, plans to ring the alarm bells on the Stock Exchange by becoming the first USM company to graduate to a full listing after big bang.

Mr Anthony Record, the chairman, announced the move along with the group's figures for the year to June 30, which showed pretax profits rising to £1.8 million from a restated £626,000. Turnover rose by 40 per cent reflecting four important acquisitions during the year including, the White Group closed circuit television company and Tele-Link Archives.

Big advance by Walker

C & W Walker, the engineering company which is about to double in size after the merger with its rival, Greenbank, yesterday announced more than doubled interim pretax profits to £631,000. Turnover for the six months to August 2 rose from £6.39 million to £7.24 million. The figures were flattered by a contribution from Multiple Industries Group, which Walker merged in February.

Johnston profits ahead. Johnston Group, the civil and mechanical engineering business, reported a rise in interim profits from £1.9 million to £2.634 million. The contribution from civil engineering and road maintenance was significantly higher than last year. Order books are at satisfactory levels and second half profits are not expected to be less than those earned in the second six months of last year. The interim dividend is being raised to 3p against 2.25p last time and the board intends to recommend a final dividend of not less than the 5.25p paid last year.

COMPANY NEWS

PETROL: Mr Alan Milton, director of Inoco, has told Dr Norman White, chairman of Petranol, that Inoco will be voting against the proposed rights issue and acquisition of Apollo in respect of its 6.63 per cent stake.
GEESTI HOLDINGS: Results for six months to June 28. Figures in £000. Turnover £216,734 (£196,952), pretax profit £4,944 (£3,739), tax £1,605 (£1,238). Same dividend.
THOMAS FRENCH: The board has agreed terms, subject to the consent of the South African Reserve Bank, for the purchase of the whole of the issued share capital and loan account of the wholly-owned South African subsidiary, Thomas French and Sons Pty. The purchaser is Mr David Watson.

ANGLO UNITED DEVELOPMENT CORP: The board says that by 1pm on October 6 the offer for Anglo common shares had been accepted by holders of about 90.7 per cent of the shares. The offer is being extended until October 27.
FIRSTLAND OIL AND GAS: The company has acquired interests in 28 oil and gas wells in Oklahoma from MRI Production of Oklahoma City. Proved developed producing reserves being acquired are estimated as 47,000 barrels of oil and 1.2 billion cubic ft of gas. Included in the assets acquired are production payments of not less than \$200,000 (£139,000). The consideration is \$1,339,638 which has been satisfied by the issue to MRI of 2,464,361 ordinary shares.

IMPERIAL CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES: CSR 50.3 announced that it is to sell its 50.3 per cent interest in CSR Chemicals to ICI Australia. The sale is conditional on ICI receiving approval from the Foreign Investment Review Board. CSR Chemicals manufactures specialised chemicals, including solvents and chemical intermediates for the food and pharmaceutical industries. CSR Chemicals' sales in 1985 were about Aus\$85 million.
KIA ORO GOLD CORPORATION: The chairman says in his annual report that the company produced 35,899 ounces of gold in the past year and he expects it to produce 40,000 ounces in the current year.

SAVE AND PROSPER STERLING FUND: In the year to August 31 net income was £2,967 (£2,188). Undistributed income brought forward was £3,932 (£1,000), net profit representing participating shareholders' equity of £27,020 (£20,700) was £3,305,566 (£3,524,316).
KINTA KELLAS TIN: The name of the company is to be changed to Kinta Kellas Investments as the company has diminishing interests in diversified activities and has diversified into investment holding, property development and manufacturing of plastic building materials.
POWELL DUFFRYN: The company is restructuring its shipping division. While continuing to trade under the names of Stephenson Clarke Shipping and Cory Brothers, the shipping and the shipping services will combine from November 1 under a single management and corporate structure with the name Powell Duffryn Shipping.

BOY'S SHIP INTER: The company's terms have been given of a joint venture agreement with Mr and Mrs Laurence Tario to form a company, Colourings, to market a co-ordinated range of colour cosmetics through the Body Shop network. Colourings will be 3 per cent owned by Mr and Mrs Tario and 70 per cent by BSL which will make available a revolving loan facility of £1.3 million to Colourings.
BATLEYS: The company says that its Newcastle cash-and-carry warehouse and stock, which were completely destroyed by fire, were fully insured, and the company was also covered for loss of earnings. However, there would be an impact on group trading and on profits in the current financial year.

HEWDEN-STUART PLANT: An interim dividend of 0.625p (0.575p) will be paid. With figures in £ million. Group turnover 62,393 (£8,812) for 26 weeks to August 3, trading profit 12,596 (10,554), depreciation 6,145 (5,381), interest 1,689 (1,526), group profit 4,761 (3,647), taxation 1,300 (1,600), minority interests 0,145 (0,160), earnings per share 3.51p (3.25p), earnings fully diluted 3.03p (2.82p).
ASH AND LACY: The interim dividend for the 26 weeks to June 27 is 11p (10p). With figures in £000, turnover 18,745 (17,718), operating profit 1,224 (1,129) after depreciation of 713 (772). Other income less interest payable 192 (56). Profit before tax 1,416 (1,183), tax 660 (629), extraordinary items after tax nil (297), earnings per share 17.9p (16.7p).
CLIFFORDS DAIRIES: The interim dividend for the six months to the end of June is 3p (2.5p). With figures in £000, operating profit 44,831 (41,108), associated companies 8,519 (8,023), interest charge 477 (438), profit 2,150 (1,805), tax £20 (812), extraordinary credit after tax 25 (116), earnings per share adjusted for recent rights issue

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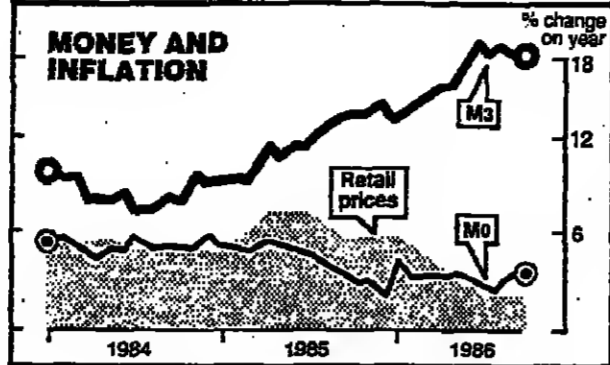
ECONOMIC VIEW

The threat to the jewel in Mrs Thatcher's crown

By Rodney Lord Economics Editor

The last thing Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, will do before he sets off for the conference hall this morning...

rise in interest rates is roughly as follows: Nothing has changed in the real economy since the last week of September when sterling began to come under pressure...



money, such as FSL1 and PSL2, which include building society deposits, have also been growing fast. In practice, the exchange rate has usually been the determinant of increases in interest rates...

National Savings designed to reduce capital calls ahead of the sale of British Gas. There are three more or less dramatic options. The Government could go back to overfunding the borrowing requirement...

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Dipping into the \$4bn sterling fighting fund

Sterling seemed to be dangerously close to a free fall yesterday. The gilt market, where prices had a suspiciously firm look (official support?), and the foreign exchange and money markets do not expect either the West Germans or Japanese to help the Chancellor with interest rates cuts...

Would Josiah Wedgwood have agreed?

By Cliff Feltham

Another great British name surrendered its independence yesterday when Wedgwood, the fine china and earthenware company and the pride of the potteries for almost 230 years, agreed to be taken over by Waterford...



Paddy Hayes: Valuing Wedgwood (Picture: Alan Weller)

to gain from London International, which joined the market less than two years ago with the purchase of Royal Worcester Spode. While the Monopolies Commission reviewed the implications of the share of the British ceramic and tableware market...

States for about half of its sales of £112 million a year and will provide a boost for Wedgwood products which at present represent about 32 per cent of the £152 million turnover. The two fine established names should easily be able to fight off many of the discounted brands which represent the main threat to growth.

Americans, Wedgwood does \$6 million of business a year and Waterford none. Mr Hayes says: "To get the breakthrough now offered to us would have taken us six years on our own."

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY Eagle Star pays £30m for City lease

By Judith Huntley

The Eagle Star Insurance Company, advised by Weatherall Green & Smith, has paid £30 million for the head leasehold of the 62,000 sq ft St Mary Axe House, in the City. The scheme was developed by Mount Row Developments, the joint company between Mount Row Properties and Higgs & Hill Developments.

Prudential Portfolio Managers, part of the Prudential Corporation, the insurance company, is planning a 900,000 sq ft theme shopping park on the M25 motorway near Orpington, Kent, on Green Bell land. Retailing will take up 15 per cent of the site, which is now Hewitts Farm, a pick-your-own fruit and vegetable business.

L & M and City Merchant Developers have funded their 70,000 sq ft office scheme in Reigate, with the LCI Pension Fund. The building has been pre-let to R Watson, the firm of actuaries at £15 a sq ft, thought to be a record for the area.

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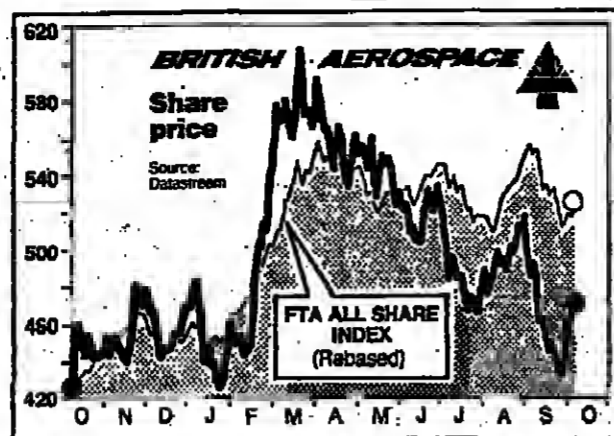
STOCK MARKET REPORT

LCP Holdings at new peak on Ward White bid speculation

By Michael Clark and Carol Leonard

LCP Holdings, the specialist retailer and motor parts group, was the main talking point after hours yesterday as dealers braced themselves for a bid today from Ward White...

Dealers were speculating that the deal could be worth more than £20 million and was likely to be financed by a one-for-three rights issue...



Shares of British Benzol, the smokeless fuel manufacturer, mining and fuel distribution group, were suspended at 90p awaiting completion of its latest acquisition...

LCP shares rose 7p to a new peak of 134p amid whispers that the ambitious Mr Philip Birch, chairman of Ward White, had run his slide rule over the company and liked what he saw...

British Aerospace was a couple of pennies easier at 768p despite a bullish presentation to City analysts at its military aircraft headquarters at Preston, Lancashire, yesterday afternoon.

Earlier this year Mr Birch paid Marley £93 million for Payless, which has more than lived up to expectations. Analysts have been quick to heap praise on Mr Birch for the deal...

Jaguar gave up 5p to 536p despite a rapturous response from the City for its new XJ40 car. But the downturn is likely to be short lived...

The stock market had a dull day on low volumes. The FT 30-share index closed off its worst at 1248.1, down 9.2. The FT-SE 100 share index was 4.5 lower at 1587.8.

of Savory Mill, the broker, went up 3p to 432p. Lloyds also gained 3p to 412p while Midland lost a couple to 537p.

Ward White finished 4p lower at 334p. There was also talk last night that Mr Tony Berk, chairman of the fast-growing Blue Arrow, is about to ask shareholders for more money to fund its latest major acquisition...

million contract to supply eight Harrier jets to India yesterday. It expects to receive an £350 million order from the Ministry of Defence to supply Rapier anti-aircraft

Grand Metropolitan, the hotels and brewing empire, ended the day unchanged at 443p. Laing and Cruickshank, the broker, was spotted back in the market buying yet more stock, and American traders were also said to be buying.

Mr Robert Holmes & Court, the Australian financier, went on a £70 million spending spree yesterday. He has decided to top up his holding in Standard Chartered and he

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Table with columns for Three Month Starting, Open, High, Low, Close, and Est Vol for various futures contracts from Dec 85 to Mar 87.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

Table with columns for First Dealings, Last Dealings, Last Declaration, and For Settlement for various traditional options.

Mecca ready for growth from leisure pursuits

Given the origins of the Stock Exchange, the City cannot easily turn its back on a business which began life as a coffee house. Mecca Leisure has come a long way since then...

buyout team to demonstrate its prowess. Profits should be well up - perhaps to £13 million - as margins continue to widen and the interest charge falls after the flotation.

Higgs and Hill

Higgs and Hill's strategy of concentrating on housebuilding and property, while keeping construction ticking over, is paying off.

interior turnover was up 7.2 per cent but taxable profits rose 19.5 per cent to £4.6 million, reflecting the shift to higher margin businesses.

Domestic construction increased turnover but margins remained tight. Overseas construction saw a fall in turnover after the completion of two large contracts.

On the property front the Parisian letting market proved buoyant. Higgs and Hill's rental income is expected to grow by about 12.5 per cent this year.

Full year profits should reach £10.5 million. Assuming tax at 40 per cent, the prospective p/e ratio is under 12 on shares down 10p at 590p.

The full benefits of SEG will come through next year when profits could exceed £15 million, bringing the rating down below 10. For a well managed company with a strong balance sheet, the shares are not expensive.

Baker Harris

Baker Harris Saunders is the first firm of commercial estate agents to come to the stock market. It has made its name and fortune from the

booming City of London office market, where it specializes in letting the large office developments so much in demand from the financial conglomerates which have flooded in ahead of big bang.

Rowe & Pitman, the brokers to the sale by tender of 25 per cent of the firm, gave the agents a market capitalization of £15 million.

The striking price is likely to be at least 30p per share above that, with the firm reporting strong institutional interest in having a stake in what is a healthy profits earner.

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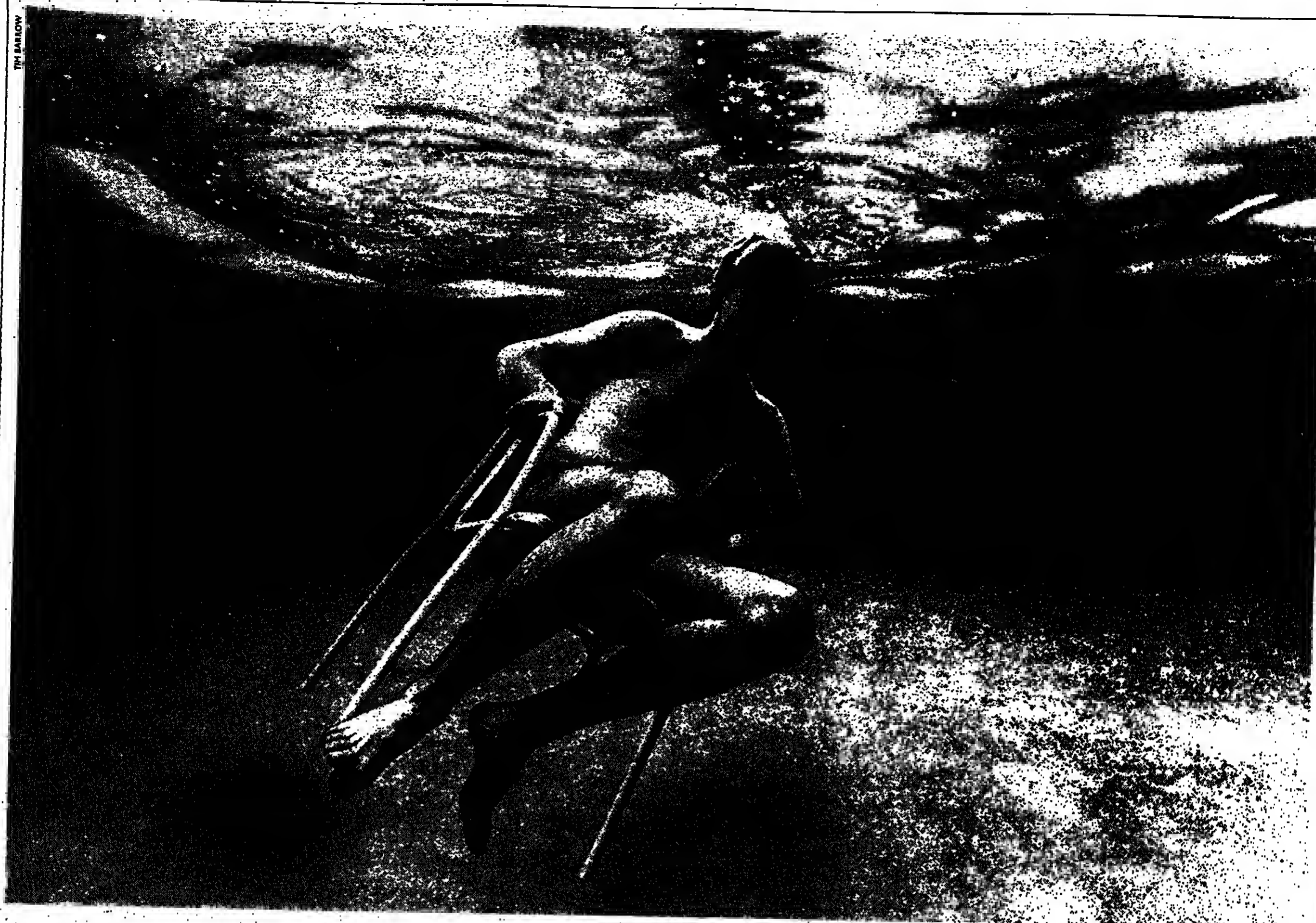
There has been an average annual increase in earnings per share of 10.5 per cent in the past five years with a forecast of 10.7p per share for the next financial year.

The problem for Baker Harris will be to maintain its growth rate either by acquisition or organically to what is a notoriously cyclical market. The firm is aiming to expand its agency operations to the West End of London and the areas around the M25.

It will need to spread potentially lumpy profits and diversify to cover the risk associated with a high exposure to a current bull market. One area into which the agents will not be diversifying is the 10 million sq ft financial centre planned in London's Docklands at Canary Wharf by Mr G Ware Travelstead.

Large advertisement for London & Edinburgh Trust PLC. Includes headline 'Consistent growth continues with excellent half-year results', financial tables for 6 and 12 months ended, and bar charts showing pre-tax profits, earnings per share, and market capitalisation from 1983 to 1986.

Financial data section including 'RECENT ISSUES' (listing equities and rights issues), 'LONDON TRADED OPTIONS' (listing various options), and 'RECENT ISSUES' (listing rights issues).



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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Equities turn nervous

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began on September 29. Dealings end tomorrow. Contango day next Monday. Settlement day October 20. Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Portfolio Gold - Daily Dividend £4,000. Claims required for +32 points. Claimants should ring 0254-53272.

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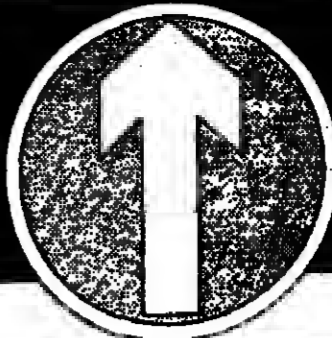
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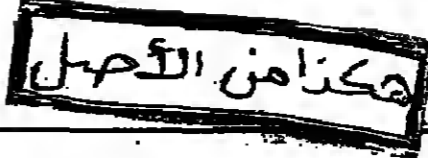
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Report October

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Legal reform for appeals urged

Annual Review 1985-86
Unless legislative action was taken either to prevent the continuing decline of success or to allow the dismissal of such appeals by a single Lord Justice, the number of appeals would be expected to rise to a level which would be considered as a substantial lengthening of the "road-time" (the period between setting down and hearing) for civil appeals.

THE MASTER OF THE MISTS said that judges of the constitution had a special independent position wholly outside of the Executive, and they had the duty to defend the integrity of the system of procedure of the administration of the law in the High Court of the Court of Appeal.

The basis of the 1982 procedural reforms had been a realization that time spent in court was extremely expensive. There was every reason to believe that the advantages of reduction in the cost to the parties of an appeal and a slight reduction in the time occupied by each individual appeal had been achieved.

The fact that there was a specialist corps of advocates in the Bar and a long tradition of oral argument differentiated our system from that of the United States of America. It was no criticism of their system to say that we had gone as far as we could in reducing court time.

It was important to appreciate that in very few cases would it be practicable or sensible to hear an appeal immediately after judgment was given in the trial court. The classic example was the dispute under a documentary credit which expires within the immediate future. There were other examples, notably where the media were involved.

The normal pattern of appeals was that the parties had a period of about four weeks in which to consider whether to appeal, notice of appeal was given and the documents for the appeal hearing had to be collated and counsel briefed.

It was only at that stage that the appeals were heard. It was only at that stage that the parties had the opportunity to be heard in person. It was at that stage that the court could be held responsible.

The court had greater resources it could hear appeals much earlier than at present. The current lead times were better than they were in 1982, but it had not shown any comparative improvement over the past 12 months.

Statistics
During the year 1,604 new appeals were set down. The comparative figures for the three previous years were 1,572 (1984-85), 1,489 (1983-84) and 1,437 (1982-83). That represented an increase, but the figures had to be viewed with some caution.

ENGLAND TOUR TO AUSTRALIA 1986/87

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THE FOUR PARTY FOR AUSTRALIA

CAPTAIN	M W Gatting
VICE-CAPTAIN	J E Embury
C W J Athey	(Gloucestershire)
I T Botham	(Somerset)
B C Broad	(Nottinghamshire)
P A J DeFreitas	(Leicestershire)
G H Dillley	(Kent)
P H Edmonds	(Middlesex)

N A Foster	(Middlesex)
B N French	(Nottinghamshire)
D I Gower	(Leicestershire)
A J Lamb	(Northamptonshire)
C J Richardson	(Surrey)
W N Slack	(Middlesex)
G C Small	(Northamptonshire)
J J Whittaker	(Leicestershire)

Fighting qualities that can turn the tide

England have not won a Test match for 12 games and now, with Mike Gatting at the helm, they face an arduous task down under in defence of the Ashes. Simon Barnes talks to England's new captain about his hopes and fears for the challenge that lies ahead.

A year ago, England cricket was entering a new Golden Age. A year before that, what was reckoned to be the worst England team ever to leave these shores went off to India. A few months ago, more than that, England went to West Indies to play, it was reckoned, for the world championship of cricket. Today they leave for Australia to play for world cricket's wooden spoon.

England have been beaten, in successive series this year, by West Indies, India and New Zealand. English cricket has never been in a worse state, as people say every other year. That "worst team ever to leave these shores" was in India from one-down, and the captain, David Gower, seemed to have set himself up for years to come. When he added to that by winning the Ashes, he and England looked unbeatable.

Well, David, it's a funny old game, as Peter West so penetratingly remarked at the time. Gower, then so penetratingly remarked, is now sacked. The new captain is Mike Gatting. Gatting who was dropped in 1984 after twice in the same Test match getting himself out leg before without playing a stroke. Once might have been regarded as a misfortune. A funny old game, as I dare say Gatting has sensed to himself.

People who run sport like sacking people: sacking always looks like decisive action. But Gatting has not reversed the tide of defeat. He has a big job to take on in Australia and I suppose he will get the boot if things go wrong. He - and England - could do with a bit of success. The habit of defeat needs to be broken. "It has been," Gatting said, "a year of learning for me. And a year of disappointment."

Ashes sojourn likely to be baptism of fire for Gatting

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

England's cricketers fly to Australia this evening in defence of the Ashes and with their collective reputation to restore. It is still the best of all tours. Not even the rapacious Mr Packer has quite managed to change that. The team will be competing on three froots, for the Ashes - which are pre-eminent - and in two one-day competitions, both of them dependent upon gimickery but worth winning. There is the Benson and Hedges Challenge at Perth, arranged as a side-show to the yachting and involving England, Australia, West Indies and Pakistan, and the pyjama-clad World Series Cup, which takes up the last month of the tour and is three-sided, with New Zealand chasing England and Australia around the far-flung continent.

So there is much work to be done, a great unpropounded amount of travelling. Just how hard the cricket will depend to some extent on the pitches. The time has passed when these could be taken for granted. They used to invariably be good for batting, usually very good, except after rain, then, being uncovered, they became unplayable.

I can vouch for that, having covered the last Test match in Australia to be played on a "sucky doo". It was at Brisbane in December 1980, when, all in one day, England declared their first innings at 32 for seven and Australia their second at 68 for seven, and England, batting again, made 30 for six before bad light stopped play.

That put an end, in Australia, to uncovered pitches. In more recent years, scoring has declined there for other reasons: visiting West Indian and New Zealand sides, armed with modern, hard-seamed balls, bowl much more effectively than they did, and the pitches are not as well prepared as they were. Perth, for example, is unrecognizable as what was once the truest yet fastest pitch in the world.

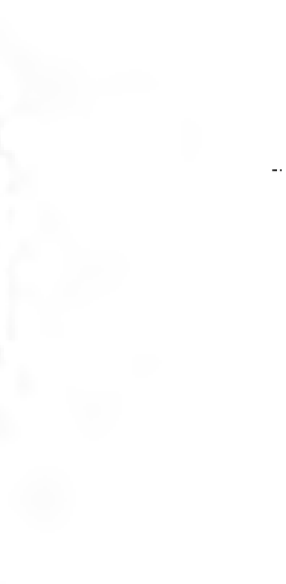
A factor in all this is the growing season. The better it is the likelier the pitches are to be adequately grassed. Most Australian cricket grounds are also used for football. Only the weekend before last the rugby league final was held on the Sydney Cricket Ground and the Grand Final of Australian Rules on the Melbourne Cricket Ground. Out of these centre circles, seas of mud not loo-goo, will come the pitches for the fourth and fifth Tests.

If they should be good - and it is a long time since they were - England will need to do the primary things a lot better than they have so far this year. From the line and length of their bowling and the efficiency of their fielding it will soon be possible to tell whether they are knocking down to it. They lack the quality of bowling to get away with anything less, even against an Australian side weakened by South African banings.

Although their reputation is for being as good a spinning partnership as there is, Embury and Edmonds took only 77 wickets between them last season - Embury one every 12 overs, Edmonds every 14. Edmonds's striking-rate was the poorest from among the first 100 bowlers in the averages and on his only other tour of Australia, in 1978-79, all trace was lost of him once he had fallen out with his captain, Mike Brearley.

But Australian batsmen spend so much of their lives facing medium pace - there, too, it has become the staple diet - that Embury and Edmonds, given the chance, could leave the England attack.

They may, I think, be better five-day than three-day bowlers. Some celebrated spinners have been. David Allen and Hugh Tayfield among them. But it is time they accepted that the close fielders with which they aim to inhibit a batsman can inhibit a bowler more, through anxiety for his fielders' safety.



Botham: asset or liability?
The omission from the tour committee of both Botham and Gower needs correcting. Apart from being bad psychology, it leaves Embury as the only selector to have been on a previous Australian tour.

In West Indies last winter, England were finished as soon as they began looking for excuses, some of which, certainly, were ready-made. In Australia under Micky Stewart, the assistant manager, there will be no such indifference to practice and training.

I like to think that the atmosphere in which Whitaker and DeFreitas find themselves will be altogether more conducive to their development than it was for David Smith and Greg Thomas in the Caribbean.

In the next four-and-a-half months, England face a possible 72 days of cricket. That, of itself, is not excessive. Until the early 70s, it could be anything up to 100 on an Australasian tour. But because so much of it now is of the one-day variety, the team will be constantly on the move.

There are no fewer than 32 flights involving something like 25,000 miles in Australia alone. In the days when we sailed to Australia, tours, although much longer, were correspondingly more leisurely.

I have been on them all since 1950, when we left Tilbury on September 14 and arrived in Fremantle on October 9, and have seen all the great changes, most of which have come in the last 10 years and may be traced to Mr Packer's avaricious impact. The voyage down under helped to establish an understanding, in many cases a friendship, between players and press that would usually survive the tour. It made a sharp contrast to what has tended to happen recently. The fact that this time the players themselves are prevented by their contracts from writing or broadcasting will spare us for a while from having to put up with Edmonds's indiscretions and Botham's gratuitous criticisms of the Somerset committee.



Mike Gatting: solid, stolid and straightforward

The press most likely to cause a splash may belong instead to the perspicacious Mrs Edmonds, whose presence within the party in West Indies earlier this year was another sign of the times. I have a shrewd idea of what Douglas Jardine would have said about it. But now it is merely one of the burdens of a captain's honour.

Poor Gatting! If he retains the Ashes, against an Australian side who, though weakened by the absence of several good players, can only play better than they did in England last year, he will do well. It is likely to be a close thing.

With the America's Cup being raced off Perth while the tour is in progress, it is just as important that the cricket should be sporting and attractive. If not, the game of bat and ball will be overshadowed by the glamorous sport of jib and tack.

Keeping England on the straight and narrow

Gin-swilling dodderers to the left, bouncer-cowed beer-sinks to the right and striding like cricket's colossus between them... England's new tour manager, Peter Lush, has the job of keeping England's tour on the straight and narrow.

Such is the picture that some might paint of the next four months to Australia where the Test and County Cricket Board's marketing man will be entrusted with the role of making England have and perhaps even win. To most people, old least the gentlemen who have tried it before, the job is about as delightful as a hook shot in the face, but Lush is clearly an extraordinary character. Formerly an avid wine, women, eggs, drugs, ducks and Frances Edmonds seem not to daunt him at all.



Lush: optimistic
interesting time. But far more likely provocation for England will be the prolific fleets of Border, ungainly antics from Matthews and madly partisan crowds.

their hair down from time to time and I would say good luck to them. The question is how they do it and where they do it. And the answer, he ventures, is Not in public.

The man who brought sponsors into Test match and County Championship cricket and who helped to develop match-day programmes that alone made £100,000 profit for the TCCB last year, seems to be quite a radical choice as tour manager. He did look after the England B tour of Sri Lanka earlier this year, but from that to Bothamesque adventures is quite a leap.

He does, on the other hand, appreciate the age difference between himself and the oldest of the players. "I think that might be helpful in providing a bit of wisdom," he said. On one occasion that has occurred to him as that between 32 domestic lights, five Test matches and two one-day competitions, with the West Indies and Pakistan making guest appearances, the England team will be sufficiently occupied with cricket the game, as opposed to cricket the soap opera. Exhaustion may preclude further scenes from Crime and Punishment.

RACING

Summer Posy to fulfil her Newbury promise

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Already the form of the Stable Stud and Farm Stakes, the Newbury race under the name of Summer Posy...

show again why his services should be in demand by winning the EBF Brokers Stakes at Lingfield Park on War Brave...



Granny's Bank, twice a winner at Newbury this term, will be in action at York today for the Allied Dunbar Handicap

Grantham Bocatower demoted after battle royal

By Michael Seely

Pat Eddery and Greville Starkey had a battle royal throughout the final furlong of the BOC Radio York Maiden Auction Stakes yesterday...

Walter Wharton has ridden three winners this season, but he had his second success in six days when he partnered 12-1 shot White Of Morn...

Contemplating action for Sunday racing. The Jockey Club committee of inquiry into Sunday racing is sitting under the chairmanship of General Sir Cecil Bladen...

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YACHTING

British hopes snagged again as they join battle with rogue sail

From Barry Pickthall, Fremantle

For the second day running a snagged genoa sheet dulled the gloss on Britain's America's Cup hopes...

America's Cup Diary

Cudmore crusade is just beginning

Far from being dismayed at their losses this week against the two leading American 12's...

The amount invested by the 17 syndicates trying for the Corinthian Cup is £200 million...

One thing is certain. There are no breakthrough designs radical as America II's...

KARATE

Donovan's dilemma over top trio

By Nicolas Soames

It was presumed that today's return of the world champion team from Australia would mark the end of the years of domination by Vic Charles...

SQUASH RACKETS: A CONFLICT OF INTERESTS AS THE NEW SEASON OPENS

Sponsorship money dulls the senses

By Colin McQuillan Squash rackets is deeply competitive. It has been labelled boxing without brain damage...

Hooked on the art of imitation

By Conrad Voss Bark "I always fish the nymph, dear boy. It is so much more interesting..."



High drama: America II (US-46) edging in front of USA II in their match race yesterday

GOLF

King to challenge in women's open

By Mitchell Platts

Betsy King, who recently passed the \$1 million mark in career earnings on the US LPGA Tour...

ROWING

University challenge suits Lees

By Jim Ratliff

Just a few weeks after resigning in frustration as the co-ordinator of men's international lightweight rowing...

Card of course

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Kitrina's leap

Kitrina Douglas has jumped to 12th place in the Ring Brynne WPGA event...

ATHLETICS

On the road to success

Jon Solly and Steve Binn, the two English club-mates who fought out a thrilling 10,000 metres race...

Participation can reconcile Dutch socialist elements

DAVID MILLER, Chief Sports Correspondent reports on Amsterdam's bid for the 1992 Olympic Games

If the members of the International Olympic Committee were to be persuaded in their choice of host city for the 1992 Summer Olympic Games...

A conception of social balance

"We are against national fever and commercialism in sport but we have to have our heroes. When Anton Geesink won the gold medal in Tokyo...

Danger for health and dignity

Van Thijn believes the city is on top of the drug crisis, and that the IOC members that competitors would be confronted by...

Turning for home

By John Goodbody

When the British Olympic Association chose Birmingham to be Britain's candidate for the 1992 Olympics in July 1985...

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SPORT

FA team up with Luton in fight against hooligans

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Luton Town's experimental scheme, which was overwhelmingly rejected by the Football League...

The other 11 members of the committee, including Arthur McMullen, who is the vice-chairman, all represent county associations...

Richard Tracey, the Minister for Sport, was "pleased that the FA have given their consent..."



Eyes on the ball: Dodd, of England, gets his pass away as Antakov tries a reverse stick tactic (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Call to support Sunday racing

By Michael Seely

General Sir Cecil Blacker, the deputy senior steward of the Jockey Club, is determined to continue to canvass support for the introduction of Sunday racing in Britain...

Lawson re Howe Kinno defence

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Portugal's brave new world

Lisboe (Reuters) - Portugal's team for the European Championship group...

Italy's Cup squad face tax inquiry

Rome (Reuters) - Italy's 1982 World Cup squad will soon be given back their passports...

Celtic get Kiev all clear

Celtic will fulfil their European Cup fixture with Dynamo Kiev in the Soviet Union...

EQUESTRIANISM Wheeling a deal for Pyrah

Malcolm Pyrah is the proud owner of a Range Rover after winning his battle with the organizers of the Horse of the Year Show...

England falter as Soviets hold firm

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Des Drummond, the Leigh and Great Britain winger, has been placed on the transfer list...

SPORTING Princess

Princess Anne yesterday called for a "balanced education" between mind and body in schools...

Bishop blow

David Bishop, banned from playing Rugby Union or League until next September...

Fives on trial

Zurich (Reuters) - The first five-a-side football tournament under the direct supervision of FIFA...

Qasim returns in style

Pakistan played their trump card in the person of Qasim Zia, who converted three short corners in a row...

Swaps rejected

Warrington Rugby League club's offer to exchange Ian Rathbone, their second row forward valued at £45,000...

Shrewsbury's new date

Shrewsbury's second division game at Huddersfield next Tuesday has been put back a week...

Keeping betting away from action, Attracting fresh blood to the sport, Rams sacked, etc.

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